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## The Supervisors' Meeting

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, faced by a vociferous group of Moss Beach residents, Tuesday afternoon decided to postpone action on a recommendation that the county take over the Half Moon Bay flight strip and lease it to a private manager-operator.

The board postponed action until its first meeting of the new year on Jan. 7, in the meantime scheduling a private meeting with prospective operators.

The recommendation was submitted by the planning commission, and was opposed by Coastside residents who variously demanded that the supervisors:

**1. Ban any possible flying school there.**

**2. Leave the field in the hands of the federal government, which may decide to abandon it.**

**3. Plow the flight strip — second largest in the county — under and return the land to farming operations.**

The Moss Beach residents, who staged a two-hour protest session, were spearheaded by Mrs. Frederick A. Lane and Miss Margaret T. Kyne. They said that low-flying planes already were making conversation impossible in Moss Beach, and that the nuisance would increase should flying schools be allowed to gain a footing there.

Mrs. Lane told the board that she had polled Moss Beach residents, and none of them wanted to take flying lessons. The prospective students were from the bay side of the Peninsula, or from San Francisco, she said.

"What do we in Moss Beach get out of it?" she demanded. "The only prospect we face is to be ducking puddle-jumpers and 1946 Rover Boys."

Harry F. Mundy of San Francisco, one of the applicants for the manager-operator, told the protestants that "the horse and buggy days are gone; aviation is here to stay." He also assured the group that if any school were established at the airport, it would be federally regulated.

**Frank Skillman, planning commission secretary, pointed out that "counties now are in the airplane business" and that a flight pattern probably could be worked out where planes would not fly over Moss Beach while taking-off or landing.**

Skillman also told the board that should the county decide to take over the field under the federal agreement, it stood a good chance of acquiring the property without cost.

He said that he has been informed that 217 acres, excluding the flight strip, were to be declared surplus soon.

Board Chmn. Edward R. McDonald said that the supervisors would investigate the possibility of the county acquiring absolute control over the flight strip, in which case it would be in the board's power to exclude flying schools. However, under the federal agreement, the county would be required to maintain the strip as a public airport, in which case the board would have no authority to turn down flight school applications, he said.

The planning commission's recommendations were:

**1. The county establish an airport control commission.**

**2. The field be continued as a public airport.**

**3. The county sign permits with government agencies for including the airfield in the county master airport plan.**

**4. The county sign a five-year lease with private operator-management.**

The conditions recommended for the last point were that the operator adhere to the federal regulations; take financial responsibility for damage; insure all buildings; post a $10,000 maintenance bond; agree that any buildings constructed be with county approval and that the county will gain title to such buildings at the end of 10 years; and agree to pay the county $100 monthly for present buildings, 6 cents for each gallon of gasoline sold there, 5 cents for lubricating oil and 5 cents a pound for grease sold on the field.

## Katherine Hinck

Funeral arrangements are pending for Mrs. Katherine Hinck, for almost 20 years a resident of Redwood City.

Mrs. Hinck, who was 82 years old, died on Sunday. She was a native of Bern, Switzerland.

She was the widow of John August Hinck, the sister of Mrs. Anna Maeder of Warren, Pa., and the aunt of Walter Kehrli of San Jose.

Funeral arrangements are being made at the Layng and Tinney Funeral Home.

## Gets County Post

Earl Lawton of 923 James Ave. has been appointed San Mateo County supervisor of apprenticeship agreements according to an announcement made Wednesday by Archie J. Mooney, chief of the state division of apprenticeship standards.

Lawton has been manager of the San Mateo and Redwood City offices of U.S. Employment Service for the past four years. During this time he has worked on specialty and apprenticeship training programs and served as secretary of the automobile trades joint apprenticeship committee.

He will aid in the establishment of both apprenticeship and on-the-job training facilities, safeguard the interest of apprentices, assist industry on apprenticeship problems and advise on standards and procedures, Moorney said.

For the present Lawton may be contacted at the Veterans Administration Office, Room 5, Civic Center Building, San Mateo. Telephone San Mateo 4-0823.

## A Stitch in Time

"Don't let Death take your holiday!"

The San Mateo County Traffic Safety Commission, meeting at the courthouse Friday night, resolved to act as a committee of the whole and individually to support actively the program of the State Accident Prevention Bureau.

Stressing holiday traffic dangers, pedestrian safety and particularly hazards to children free from school over the holidays, the commission went on record as giving full support to the precautionary program.

**Speakers at the meeting were W. A. Huggins and Eugene Cummins of the accident prevention bureau from San Francisco.**

Present from Redwood City were Judge W. H. (Bud) Thorpe, C. V. Stafford and S. W. Ferrier of the police department, W. S. McKeegan and A. F. Kimberly of the Commuters Club, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon E. Loomis and Mrs. Geraldine Rode of the Garfield School PTA, Mrs. C. L. Rider, safety chairman, San Mateo Count Federation of Women's Clubs.

James H. Robinson, safety engineer, Mrs. Harriet Lincoln, Mrs. Beverly Primes and Mrs. M. E. Weber of the Redwood City Business and Professional Women's Club, Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. A. S. Whitmore, California Highway Patrol Capt. E. F. Cassell, and Edward McDonald, chairman of the board of supervisors.

## Menlo Girl Killed

Pinned in the wreckage of an overturned car, Joan Marie Van Epern, attractive 18-year-old Menlo Park coed, was crushed to death in an accident on Miramonte Ave. near Mountain View early Saturday morning.

Two other San Jose State students were in critical condition at Santa Clara County Hospital Saturday. The driver, Jack W. Dewsen, 21, of 365 Velardi St., Mountain View, is paralyzed from the waist down. Richard E. George, 23, of San Jose, the other occupant of the car, was reported in serious condition.

The car failed to make a turn on Miramonte Ave., just off of El Camino Real, hit a telephone pole and overturned. The two men were thrown clear and managed to get to the highway for help.

The girl was dead on arrival at Palo Alto hospital by private ambulance.

Joan was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold N. Van Epern, 1322 Crane St., Menlo Park, and had a twin sister, Jane Elizabeth and two other sisters, Elisabeth Ann and Diane Marie. Mr. Van Epern is owner of a Menlo Park gas station.

**Joan attended St. Joseph's School and then Sequoia High School, where she was active in student activities. She was a native of Redwood City.**

Joan also was active in Menlo Park youth affairs. She served on the 'teen-age recreation committee and was past active of the Junior Native Daughters of Menlo Park.

She started San Jose State this Fall.

## Warns Burglars

**Postmaster Robert E. O'Connell Friday requested persons in Redwood City to be on the lookout for burglars who are breaking into post office department collection and letter boxes.**

**The postmaster said that he and Police Chief C. L. (Mickey) Collins are attempting to catch the burglars and that five or six mail collection boxes have already been broken into. He couldn't say why the actions had been taken, pointing out that valuable packages are usually taken directly to the post office.**

**Anyone seeing a box being broken into was asked to telephone the police at telephone number 800.**

## He Will Be Missed

Following are statements from Redwood City officials relative to the death of ex-Fire Chief Mark E. Ryan:

**City Mgr. E. W. Blom**—"I sincerely regret the passing of Chief Ryan whose record as fire chief and as a consciencious public servant is above reproach from every standpoint. His death is a loss to the community."

**Fire Chief Joseph Lodi**—"During the years I worked for him it was never difficult to find out what he wanted, because he was always interested in. the community and in the citizens . . . interested in doing a good job. Everything had to be right. The city lost one of its most loyal citizens."

**Henry A. Beeger** — "I worked with Mark ever since he came to Redwood City and to my mind he has done one of the most outstanding jobs ever done for Redwood City. He devoted years of his life to the interests of the city and many times in the future Redwood City will feel his loss when it is facing a civic problem."

**Mayor W. W. Hilton**—"I am sure the community will grieve the loss of so valuable a citizen as Mark Ryan was."

## Pastor Talk in San Jose

Several Redwood City persons and other Peninsulans last week heard Pastor Martin Niemoeller, vice president of the Council of Evangelical Churches in Germany, in a talk at the First Methodist Church in San Jose.

Niemoeller, who was a prisoner of the Germans for eight years during the Hitler regime, told of his work and his life as a prisoner, and called for a world revival. His wife is accompanying him on the tour of the United States.

The church house last night was packed.

## The Facts About Santa

Every year during the two weeks just before Christmas Santa Claus comes down out of the secret valley up near the North Pole where he lives and makes his toys, and he pays a visit to every town in the world, and he looks around to see how all his young friends are doing.

He wants to find out who has been good and who has been not as good as possible. He also finds out what presents are wanted by his friends and whether they deserve them.

Now anybody knows that Santa Claus HIMSELF couldn't be in Redwood City and in Chicago at the SAME TIME. But persons who look just like Santa Claus, and who have the same name sometimes are in many places at the same time.

**And since we know that the real Santa is in Redwood City now, we wonder who are these people who are representing him in Chicago and other such places.**

These are Santa's HELPERS. There are thousands of Santa's helpers. During the Summer they live at the North Pole and work in Santa's toy factory, feed the reindeer, handle mail and all that sort of thing. Then, just before Christmas, they are sent all over the world by Santa Claus.

They like to make the trip. It is a vacation for them, and they especially like to come to California, where it is warm and a different kind of climate. They also go around to the different toy factories to keep in touch with the latest designs and developments.

This year they have been very busy. So many families have changed their address, it has been a job to find out just where everybody is living now. And there have been the shortages of material, and that has made it hard to make enough of certain kinds of toys, like electric trains for instance.

**Hardly anyone ever sees Santa Claus himself. He works hard up at the North Pole until Christmas Eve. Then off he flies in his sleigh pulled by the reindeer, and he goes faster than the wind or any airplane or anything.**

He stops at each house and in a flash he has left his gifts, and is off again. Sometimes you can hear the sleigh bells, or get a quick glimpse of a flash as he goes by, but that's all.

But all the helpers have a little Santa Claus in them. They are all members of the same family, have the same name and dress alike.

That's why you'll see several of them around here at the same time sometimes.

## Where to Put It

Park and recreation commissioners Friday gave the city council three alternatives for a site for a proposed 'teen-age canteen.

At its last meeting the council had instructed the commission to recommend a site for the project following a request from a group of adolescents for the center. At the time it asked the commission for a recommendation, the council specified that it had the money and inclination to accomplish the program.

The sites listed by the commission were:

**1. California Square where the commission recommended that a Butler-type square building be erected.**

**2. The Behrens estate at Jefferson Ave. and El Camino Real. The commission recommended that the council attempt to rent the large empty former dwelling.**

**3. The old Carnegie Library Bldg., at Jefferson Ave. and Broadway.**

Sequoia High School students who had requested the canteen had pointed out the "right now" need for the building. Pointing to a rising wave of juvenile delinquency, they had maintained the building should be obtained at once rather than have the council wait until funds from a 1944 civic improvement bond issue can provide a permanent structure.

Commission Chmn. Elmer Ross said that he had received letters from all the Parent-Teachers Assn. groups in Redwood City requesting that the canteen be constructed at California Square.

The commission also heard a three-man delegation from the Peninsula Celebration Assn. request that the city provide a site for the July 4 celebration and rodeo sponsored by the association.

After hearing the request, the commission appointed a committee composed of Andrew Spinas, Samuel Alberson and Jack Poole to meet with the association in an attempt to find a suitable site.

The commission in closing its session approved a 25-year master plan for the installation and improvement of city parks. The master plan, drawn by William Penn Mott Jr. of Oakland, will be presented next to the city council for approval.

## Phone Operators

Telephone operators of Northern California and Nevada will choose between Independent and CIO unions in a forthcoming collective bargaining election, it was learned Saturday.

The Telephone Workers Industrial Union (Independent), representing 18,000 telephone employes on the Pacific Coast, has filed a petition for the election with the National Labor Relations Board, Leonard J. Lawson, field organizer, announced Saturday.

Lawson also announced organization of a branch local in Burlingame, serving Northern San Mateo County, has been completed. A branch local now being organized in Palo Alto will serve that area and the southern part of the county.

Some 200 telephone operators in this county will be eligible to vote in the election when it is held, Lawson estimates.

## Vets Yule Parties

**The Christmas festivities started in full swing today at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Palo Alto with the majority of the activities for the 10-day period sponsored by the Veterans' Hospital Christmas Committee. County Treas. A. H. Sagehorn heads this committee, which is composed of about 40 representatives from all cities of the county.**

Decorated and lighted trees will be seen through the windows of the 17 wards of the hospital. In the auditorium two huge trees hung with red bells, tinsel and colored lights will shine out through the large windows into the courts of the hospital. The large tree at the entrance to the grounds will also be illuminated. This decoration was done by the committee headed by Bert Werder of Redwood City.

Ready for distribution in all the wards are gift packages containing many various articles each labeled with the patient's name and bearing a greeting from the committee. Club women from the entire county packaged these.

Entertainment in both wards and auditorium will be carried on until Christmas Eve. Many local residents are participating in these parties and shows. Mrs. Viona Duncan of San Carlos is directing the varieties to take place in the auditorium of the recreation building of the hospital on Thursday afternoon and evening, and Saturday afternoon and evening.

**At the Saturday night program, to which 400 or 500 patients, both men and women, will be present, a greeting will be extended by President Sagehorn of the Veterans' Hospital Christmas Committee. At this performance local talent will include the Sequoia Treble Clef under the direction of Otis Carrington; a Chinese interpretive dance by the Mueller dance studio of San Carlos; Indian classics sung by Mrs. James Hugh Martin of San Carlos, accompanied by Kenneth Thompson, and De Wayne Fulton of San Carlos, talented young tap dancer in an "Arabian Cymbal Dance." The Peninsula Symphony Orchestra will play carols following the performance and Mayor James F. Furlong Jr. of Belmont will provide merriment as Santa Claus. The Sequoia Yacht Club Auxiliary members will provide gifts to be distributed at this time.**

Local groups cooperating with the committee have taken over the responsibility to a large extent of providing the parties and amusement in the wards.

On the Sunday before Christmas the combined Scout Mothers Clubs of San Carlos will provide refreshments for a party including veterans of World War II. Mrs. Merritt Hosmer, Mrs. C. M. Garrett and Mrs. C. J. Weckerle of San Carlos are making the arrangements.

**The same afternoon Mrs. W. C. Dobbyn of Redwood City, pianist, will play for the boys in the wards. Mrs Dobbyn, officer of the Rainbow-DeMolay Mothers Club of Redwood City, has arranged for the group to contribute magazine donations to the hospital for the coming year.**

Christmas Eve Mrs. Dorothy Pasmore Bell of San Carlos, cellist for the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, will give several half-hour concerts in the wards of the hospital. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Florence Underwood, Belmont, pianist and composer.

Others who will give entertainment during this period in connection with this committee are Phyllis Wilson of Redwood City, classic singer; George Andrews, Redwood City, popular vocalist; Penny Edwards, song stylist, accompanied by Eivind J. Gjerdrum; Kay Beasley, pianist; Anne Abell, interpretations; Dorothy Stanton, blues and popular singer; Italo Adamis, baritone; Mary Anne and Theresa Gjerdrum, romantic ballads; Mmes. Zieceva Dance Studio with novelty dances; William Duff, dances and interpretation; Armando and Mac of San Carlos, accordion and bull fiddle novelty act; Joan Watkins and William Duff in a rhumba fantasy, and the Loretta Wesch and June Cardwell songsters accompanied by Thelma Newcomb. There will be a Hawaiian interlude featured by Gwen Dam, Marilyn Miller and Joan Watkins of the San Mateo Junior College.

Mrs. Malcolm Rosholt of Belmont, public speaker, who spent a number of years in the Orient, will present on Saturday afternoon an interpretation of "The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke.

**The working committee heading the Christmas preparations at the hospital include George A. Mann, committee chairman; H. C. Clifford, entertainment; Edward J. Foley, public relations; Mrs. Frances Fryer, secretary and publicity; Mrs. Louis Lengfeld, transportation; Mrs. William Wise Jr., gift purchasing; Mrs. Belton Rhodes, gift wrapping; Bert Werder, decorations, and Mrs. Isabel Lindquist, liaison.**

Meanwhile, Sagehorn, Furlong, who heads the finance committee, and J. Elmer Morrish of Redwood City, treasurer for the Veterans' Committee, are intensifying the drive for funds, and urge all organizations and individuals, who plan to give, and who have not sent in their donations, to do so this week.

## Leaves $320,000

Charles F. Myers, San Mateo resident who died June 2 this year, left an estate totaling $320,000, according to an appraisal filed in superior court today by James A. Lee, state inheritance tax appraiser.

The estate consists principally of cash, stocks, bonds and personal property.

## Lady Gardeners Meet

Sixty members of the Garden Section of the Redwood City Woman's Club attended the Christmas luncheon held at the clubhouse Thursday afternoon. The crowd was so large that it was necessary for the committee to set the tables in the main hall instead of the banquet room.

**Red candles and red berries lined the center of the tables and a special Christmas arrangement by Miss Gertrude Beeger centered the speaker's table. It was composed of a centerpiece of silver leaves and silvered pine boughs with matching lighted candles and silver Christmas balls. Red ribbons led to miniature reindeer and Santa Clauses placed around on the table.**

Mrs. Arthur Jonsen was chairman of the luncheon committee assisted by Mmes. Frederick Nobs, J. O. Darius, W. A. Bibee and Earl Perry.

Mrs. Kenneth Steiner, acting chairman in the absence of Mrs. John T. Lawrence, opened the meeting. Roll was called by the two captains, Mrs. Walter Sterling and Mrs. Judson Reeves, who head a membership contest. It was voted to purchase some plants to beautify the front of the clubhouse.

**Mrs. Alfred Meyers demonstrated ideas for Christmas home decorations. Her first project was a table conterpiece, which she arranged for the members with materials brought from her home.**

These consisted of a large cardboard star on which she had pasted snow and Christmas tinsel. She placed this on a bed of pink boughs and holly and at each star point a home made red candle in the shape of a cupcake was placed making an attractive low table centerpiece. Her second demonstration was a white cotton snow man. Mrs. Meyers uses a cardboard oat meal box for the body. She then bastes on inflammable cotton and tissue paper to form a head and arms. Sticky tape colored black can be used to form the eyes, nose, mouth and buttons. Hat and scarf or cape can be made of crepe paper, she said.

Flower arrangements on the piano and on the tables were by Mrs. E. C. Baird and Mrs. Earl L. Hook.

An exchange of Christmas gifts and plants completed the afternoon's party.

Hosteses for the January luncheon are Mrs. J. A. Walden, Mrs. C. G. Uhlenberg, Mrs. Earl Hood, Mrs. E. C. Baird and Mrs. Leslie Thorpe. Flower arangements will be by Mrs. M. de Castro and Mrs. Geo. Wells.

## Sequoia's Rec. Program

The Sequoia High School Dist. sponsors a recreation program that is unique in the state, Supt. A. C. Argo declared Friday in reply to a report on Redwood City juvenile delinquency made Tuesday by County Probation Officer John S. Cowgill.

In the report Cowgill had called on the local schools to extend more facilities for juvenile recreation and to expand their guidance programs.

**"I don't wish to reply to Mr. Cowgill's report in a belligerent manner, because he is a good friend to the school," Argo said, "but I believe we've taken the lead in the whole community in our recreation program. It's bulging over capacity right now."**

Miss Doris Dean, dean of girls at the high school, declared that the boys' and girls' gymnasiums are scheduled to capacity evenings and afternoons during the week for recreation clubs. She said that the high school's extra-curricular program is handling capacity crowds right now, and could not be expanded without additional building.

Noon recreation programs, Friday and Saturday evening programs, social living class parties, afternoon hobby periods, Menlo and Ravenswood recreation parties, a heavy cultural and athletic voluntary program plus a complete summer program make up the full time, full capacity recreational efforts at the school, Argo said.

**He emphasized that the programs were not "nothing but dancing," but inclued all manner of games and cultural pleasures.**

Neither Miss Dean nor Argo denied that the present crowded situation is critical. Argo said that as rapidly as possible the high school is planning to improve their facilities, and at present have $1500 collected toward a new recreation building to be built on the school campus. More money is being added to the fund through the present paper drive being conducted by the students.

As for the full time guidance program called for by Cowgill, Argo pointed out that the high school has a whole group of counselors, one to each group of 150 students.

## Civil Service

Members of the City Employes Assn. civil service committee last week launched survey of existing civil service regulations in an effort to determine what changes the association should recommend to the Board of Review.

Fire Insp. Richard Drivon, committee chairman, said that representatives of all city departments attended the session Wednesday in the city hall. Discussion, he continued, revealed that few employes understand the existing regulations and a study of them was decided upon before any other moves were made.

It may be necessary, Drivon continued, for the association to obtain legal advice for an interpretation of some regulations the meaning of which is not clear.

Yednesday's session was the first conducted by the committee and Drivon's election to the post of chairman was made then as was the appointment of Vivian Holmquist as committee secretary.

## Garden Tips

**BY ROLLY LANGLEY**

Each year, new varieties of flowers and vegetables win awards from the All-America Selections Committee after a two-year testing in gardens of 20 judges scattered from coast to coast, and from elevations of sea level to mile high. The varieties are known only by number to the judges, and to win an award, must meet the challenge of all these different climatic conditions better than competing entries. Moreover, they must prove to the judges that they are worthwhile additions to the greenthumbers' list.

W. Ray Hastings of Pennsylvania, charman of the All-America Selections has just announced the 1947 winners. Two vegetables won the bronze medal; there was one honorable mention. A silver, two bronzes and an honorable mention were awarded in the flower competition.

"Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower," an all-double petunia won the silver medal, the highest award made for 1947. Flowers are uniformly double, a new salmon-pink color, and reach 2¾ inches in diameter. Hastings describes the "Mrs. Dwight E. Eisenhower" as an erect and bushy plant growing to 16 inches in height with a spread of 30 inches, with a good habit of growth.

"The salmon-pink color is good in any light, artificial or sunlight, and the plants are desirable for bedding, for borders and for cutting," says Hastings.

"Rose Marie," also an all-double petunia, won a bronze medal. The plants achieve 18 inches with the same approximate spread as "Mrs. Dwight E. Eisenhower." The flowers are likewise a trifle larger, and borne above the foliage. They're rose-pink, self-colored.

Snapdragons are as popular as petunias in California gardens, and a new one—Antirrhinum "Velvet Giant"—received a bronze medal. Hastings notes its unusual size and many spikes. "The plant grows to about 2½ feet, sending up from near the base six to 12 spikes that proudly bear the large flowers and flower spikes," he says.

"A slight undertone or orange-bronze shows through the rich crimson, lighting up the color and giving it added life; the richness of the color is increased by the velvety texture of the flowers," says Hastings. Since resistance to rust is so important, we will assume this variety must have this characteristic to win an award, although Hastings made no mention of it in his letter.

Honorable mention was given to a new French marigold, "Naughty Marietta." The plants are mound-shaped, 12 to 15 inches in height, with an average spread of 16 inches. Flowers are singles, completely covering the plant at full bloom, and "giving an extremely showy effect for beds and borders." Two to two and a half inches in diameter, the flowers have a rich golden yellow color, strikingly marked with mahagony-red at the petal base.

Petunias are planted in early Spring, but the snapdragons and French marigolds can be planted from January through May or June for a long flowering season.

If you can find the prize-winning vegetable at your dealer's it could be planted now, although one of its virtues is resistance to heat. "Bronze Beauty Lettuce" is the bronze medal winner.

This lettuce forms loose heads which Hastings describes as having an unusually nutlike flavor. "Their well formed and decorative rosettes are uniform in height," he says. "The color is entirely new; a warm ruddy bronze sheen suffuses the green undertone. Very colorful, attractive and tasty in a plain salad, it is also delightful garnishing for cold cuts, sandwiches, mixed salad bowls and the like." . . . Plants are vigorous, ready for the table 40 days after seeds are sown, and has exceptional tolerance of sun and heat.

"Ranger Snapbean" also received a bronze medal as an entirely new variety, distinguished by its unusual habit of growth, its disease resistance and its high yield, says Hastings. "The variety is of the Refugee (dwarf bush) type but differs in a spreading growth and half-runners, its vigorous growth and its prolific yield, resistant to the common bean mosaic, downy mildew and some forms of rust.

"The pods are five inches by ⅜ inch, round, mostly straight, stringless, silvery green in color. The set of pods is largely concentrated in the crown of the plant. The seeds are white, and the beans mature in 56 days.

Honorable mention went to "Erie Sweetcorn," a yellow hybrid having nine inch ears with 12-14 rows of kernels. "In comparison with the standard Golden Bantam, Erie Sweetcorn produces a plant six inches taller, wilt resistant, and relatively resistant to drought. It matures in about 88 days, or a few days later than Golden Cross Bantam.

Snap beans and corn can not be planted now, but watch your dealer's seed racks and pick up what you'll need when you find them in stock. The experience has been that All-America varieties are quickly taken, and there's usually not enough to go around.

Southport white onions can be planted now, and the thinnings make good green salad or bunching onions. Lettuce, radishes, cabbage, broccoli, kohlrabi, Swiss chard, spinach, mustard, artichokes, asparagus and peas can also go in now.

**BUILDING BAROMETER**
**REDWOOD CITY**
**(Reported by L. M. Duncan, building inspector.)**

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| **To date this month** | **$81,450** |
| **To date this year** | **3,938,429** |

**New permit—James W. Varin, 54 Eaton Villa Pl., $8000 dwelling.**

## Scout Assembly

Two hundred new scouts and cubs of the southern division were honored Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the McKinley School auditorium, when they received their tenderfoot and bobcat insignia from members of the San Mateo County chapter of the Knights of Dunamis during traditional candlelight investiture ceremonies.

Following induction proceedings, directed by Dean Borba, commander of the Knights of Dunamis, scouts who have advanced in rank since September will receive their achievement badges from southern division scouters.

**The welcoming of the new scouts and cubs climaxes a year-end membership drive in which each senior scout, scout and cub unit was set a goal in recruiting new boys.**

Units which reached their goals will receive special "President's Ribbons" from Philip N. Lilienthal Jr., president of the San Mateo County Boy Scout Council. The troop pack and senior unit which secured the most boys will be presented plaques by Scout Executive Edward A. Barrer.

Southern division boys were reminded this week to bring their parents and friends to witness the proceedings, which will be preceded by a concert by the Woodside Scout Band.

**Units Receiving President's Ribbon**

| **Troop** | **Scoutmaster** | **City** |
|---|---|---|
| 160 | Art England Acting | Redwood |
| 149 | Dalton Lewis | Redwood City |
| 150 | Bill Jackson | San Carlos |
| 104 | Cecil Martin | Redwood City |
| 159 | Fred Eilerman | Woodside |
| 160 | A. England, act. | Redwood City |
| 163 | Ted Brown | Atherton |

| **Pack** | **Cubmaster** | **City** |
|---|---|---|
| 10 | Thomas Wendell | Redwood City |
| 22 | Milton Gooding | Redwood City |
| 49 | Al Williams | Redwood City |
| 52 | Cecil Campbell | San Carlos |
| 53 | Leroy Nott | San Carlos |
| 54 | Fred Cellarius | San Carlos |
| 59 | Ted Wetmore | Woodside |
| 62 | Art Compin | Redwood City |
| 63 | William Keegan | Atherton |
| 58 | C. E. Goffin | Pescadero |

**Units Receiving District Plaque:** Troop 150, W. Jackson, San Carlos; Pack 10, Thomas Wendell, Redwood City; Ship 108, Father Hopper, Menlo Park.

**SECOND CLASS SCOUTS:**

**Troop 103:** E. Palo Alto, Richard C. Utter.

**Troop 105:** Bob Austin, Robert Geissler, George P. Mollison.

**Troop 107:** Robert Lawson, Dick Moore.

**Troop 120:** Leroy Harbaugh, Minoru Okamura, Sakaye Okamura.

**Troop 149:** Peter Bulkeley.

**Troop 150:** Noel Bayer, Jim Bradner, Warren Butman, Edward Johnson, Gail Shaw, Charles Wise, Edmond C. Baume, John Collins, Richard Linehan, Walter North, Richard Olson, Jerry Scheller.

**Troop 153:** Brian Welsh.

**Troop 154:** John Elmor, Ronney E. Helsel, Jimmy Morley.

**Troop 161:** Charles Weller.

**FIRST CLASS SCOUTS:**

**Troop 105:** Richard Weare.

**Troop 149:** Roy Griffin, Dick Simoni.

**Troop 150:** Boris Golceff, Bill Jackson Jr., Donald Ulrich.

**Troop 153:** Earl Garrett, Lavis Mundell.

**Troop 154:** Donald Bolz, Charles Davey, Gordon Gibbons, Kent Holmes, Robert Matson, Joe Smith.

**Troop 160:** Wallace Hall.

**Troop 104:** Dennis Amstutz, Reptile Study, Swimming, Life Saving, Pioneering, Cooking.

**Troop 105:** Richard Flemings, Salesmanship, Textiles, Rowing. John Jagger, Lifesaving. P. Lantz, Camping. Bill Reynolds, Lifesaving, Cooking, Woodwork, Pioneering, Bird Study. Bill Seitz, Cooking. Thomas Welch, Cooking.

**Troop 107:** Dick Froli, Safety, Chemistry. Bob Graham, Chemistry, Edward Graham, Bird Study.

**Troop 149:** Mickey Kelleher: First Aid, Life saving, Public Health, Stamp Collecting, Handicraft, Physical Development, Pioneering. Seymour Abrahams, Pioneering, Photography, Bird Study, Cooking.

**Troop 150:** W. M. Jackson, Home Repair, Camping, Cooking, Poultry Raising, Automobiling. Robert Seely, Life Saving, Swimming.

**Troop 153:** Philip Shockley, Physical Development, First Aid, Angling.

**Troop 154:** John MacCabe, Pathfinding, First Aid, Public Health, Safety, Swimming, Athletics. Van MacCabe, First Aid for Animals, Scholarship, Automobiling, Cooking, Civics, Pathfinding.

**Troop 159:** Henry Gragg, Horsemanship, Public Health, Safety. Dwight Johnson, Machinery. Paul Wiegmann, Dairying.

**Troop 160:** Richard C. Armstrong, Jack Brand, Hiking. Jack Brand, Life Saving. Richard Del Monte, First Aid, Physical Development, Photography. Franco Erspamer, Home Repairs, Swimming, Stamp Collecting, Leathercraft. Wallace Hall, Woodcarving. George McGaffigan, Home Repairs, Cooking, Metal Craft, Leathercraft, Life Saving, Woodcarving, Bird Study, Civics.

**Troop 161:** Bill Findlay, Pathfinding, First Aid, Physical Development. Peter Westler, First Aid.

**Ship 145:** Robert Naughten, Automobiling. Jim De Benedetti, Swimming.

**STAR SCOUTS:**

**Troop 150:** William M. Jackson.

**LIFE SCOUTS**

**Troop 149:** Mickey Kelleher.

**Troop 154:** John McCabe

**Troop 161:** Bill Findlay.

**EAGLE SCOUT WITH SILVER PALM:**

**Troop 105:** Richard Flemings.

**Ship 145:** Robert N. Naughton.

**MEETING POSTPONED**

A scheduled meeting Thursday of the city council business license committee was postponed because of the illness of City Atty. Paul A. McCarthy. The meeting had been slated to put in final form a proposal for changing the basis of collecting business license fees.

1930 CHEV. Coupe pickup; good condition, $275, cash. Can be seen at Little Store, Woodside. Phone Woodside 862.

1939 Oldsmobile, A-1 condition, nearly new paint. 220 Santa Maria Ave., beside Middlefield Concrete Block Co.

1928 NASH Victory coupe; 5 good tires; car in good mechanical running order. Can see after 6 p.m.; 18 Diller St., R.C.

Sewing mach., elec. portable, Domestic, just completely overhauled, $40. Phone SC 1450-M, before 8 p.m. 696 Cordilleras.

GIRL'S 20" bicycle; medium size tricycle; reasonable. 49 Nevada St., Redwood City.

SMALL Doll buggy, $5; small tricycle, $7.50; small table radio, $20. 133 Lincoln St., R.C.

MAN'S Bicycle, excellent tires. 416 Eighth Ave., off Middlefield Rd.

KENMORE De luxe mangle, perfect working condition; priced at cost. Phone SC 2566-W.

American Flyer electric freight, track, switches and accessories. Mounted, $25. 446 Myrtle St.

AIRWAY Vacuum cleaner, A-1 condition, all attachments, $60. Phone SC 208-J.

BICYCLE, 28 inch balloon tires. 930 Fulton, Sunday only.

CHILDREN'S tricycles, automobiles, wagons. Different sizes, low in price. 745 Vera Ave.

LGE. Occidental stv. with l. h. oven, incinerator, auto. oven cntrl., chrom. pipe, like new; aviary and 15 canaries; set of Standard American Encyclopedia. RC 741-J, a.m. or p.m.

BANDSAW, 12-inch Walker-Turner, ball bearing, on base. 1232 Whipple Rd., Redwood City. Sunday only.

MAN'S Bicycle, 28", very good condition. Phone RC 1806-J. 1442 Gordon St.

ELEC. Pinball mach, $30; girl's bicycle, $35; big armchair, prewar, $12.50; 8x10 gray rug and hall runner, $5. Ph. RC 2508-W.

3 Suits; 2 ensembles; 1 dress, all wool, perfect cond., $35 for all; or sold sep. 2 coast guard suit coats, $3.50; grey Persian fur coat, for trimg. $25. RC 2508-W.

Meyers lift type pump; 1 h. p. Century motor with automatic pressure tank. 1535 Hess Rd., Redwood City.

1946 HOUSE TRAILER, modern, used only 3 months, $2350. Phone Redwood 343-R.

Engagement and wedding ring set, appraised recently at Albert Samuels Co., jewelers of S.F., at $575. Will sell at $350. For information, call RC 2165.

FOR SALE—Lightweight bicycle, 26" wheel, $15. 1004 Fulton St. Phone RC 415-W.

FOR sale ½ sack concrete mixer. Almost new. Ph. P.A. 7901 evenings.

FUR COAT, Imitation ermine. Phone Palo Alto 2-4790.

MAN'S 2 tweed suits 42, one 38. Topcoat 42. Dress oxfords 11½A. Gas range, excellent oven. Air tight heater, cot and mattr. Ph. Palo Alto 3455.

Electric refrigerator, 6 ft., sealed unit, completely reconditioned. 1373 Walnut St., San Carlos.

Browning Auto 12 g. shotgun.
Heanel 8 mm. rifle.
Winchester Model 1906 .22 rifle.
Graflex 4¼x3¼ camera.
Victor 8 column adding machine
¾ size violin
Make Fine Christmas Presents
Phone R.C. 4481-W

2-Burner elec. stove; Occidental gas range with trash brnr.; 2 wood burning heaters; trunk; men's sz. 38 leath. jacket, new cond. Ph., eves., RC 587.

WANTED—Model T Coupe body, any year, condition. Write S. L. Giles, 728 Hillcrest Dr., R. C.

1930 Model A 4-door sedan; 406 Sixth Ave., Menlo Park, off Middlefield Rd.

FOR SALE—'38 CHEV. Coupe, exc. cond. throughout, $950. Call Sunday, RC 3566.

WILLYS 1940 de luxe sedan, radio. Good condition. $625, Tribune Box 149.

1941 Chev. spec. de luxe 2-door sedan. A-1 condition, radio, accessories, $1550. Phone SC 1157, 6 to 8 p.m.

EXP. Gardener for country place; perm. position 1 or 2 days per week. Call Sun., Dec. 15, betw. 10-12. 39 Winchester Dr., Athtn.

IRONING and housecleaning, ½ or whole day a week. Phone Woodside 837.

WOMAN—To take care of 2-yr.-old boy 5 days a week from 9 to 5 while mother works. Ph. RC 2738.

LADY to care for home and two children for three weeks. Write P.O. Box 292, Redwood City.

OFFICE MANAGER
Ambitious, hardworking Stanford grad., veteran, experienced office manager, banking, advertising, bookkeeping, production. Best refs. Box 0410, P.A. Times.

HIGH School freshman wants part-time work Saturday and evenings. Phone RC 907-M.

MAN—Responsible, steadily employed wants room or sleeping quarters vic. R.C. or S.C. Call Lindeman, SC 1072-J.

2-Bdrm. house; couple, 2 children. Urg. Airline employe. Ph. SSF 3000, ext. 296, Mr. L. Dogey.

2, 3, or 4-bedroom furn. or unfurn. house urgently needed by ret. vet. Call RC 3502, 8 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

LOCAL established business owner, member chamber of commerce, desires one or two bedroom house, unfurnished in Redwood City or surrounding community. Call R.C. 1769-J.

4½-Room unfurn. flat in San Francisco for 2, 3 or more rm. apt., furn or unfurn., in Redwood City or vic. RC 1032-W.

LARGE Room for rent. 1 or 2 gentlemen only. Phone Redwood City 3602-W.

Furn. apt. to mid.-aged, cpl. No children, pets. Tenants care for yd. Refs. Apply 142 Stambaugh St., Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AVAIL. in new Solomon Building, corner of Laurel and Cherry Sts., San Carlos, Jan. 1, one store and several offices. Call Rachel Solomon, 1301 Cherry St. Phone SC 350-W.

PREWAR Solid oak desk, 3'x2'; 6 drawers and center drawer. Excellent condition, $100. Phone PA 7750.

BUNK Beds with mattresses and springs. Excellent condition. Phone RC 517-W, or inquire 2670 El Camino Real.

Cocker puppies, pedigreed, males; 1 black, 1 pure blonde; strong, healthy. Wonderful for child's pet. Phone SC 1390-M.

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## News of Commuters

**BY LOCOMOTIVE BILL**

The Christmas season this year finds Redwood City a fairy wonderland with a truly beautiful display of Christmas decorations, colored lights and a nativity scene which surpasses anything ever seen outside of a movie set in Hollywood.

People visiting downtown Redwood City Saturday night were amazed by the sheer brillance and artistry of the scene. The art work was done by students of the art class of Sequoia High School under the direction of Larry Thompsett.

**The nativity scene is only one of the many features and visitors will have nothing but praise for the street decorations, colored lights, the lighted Christmas trees and the beautiful store displays.**

Yes, folks, it's a winter wonderland at its best. Redwood City has come of age and with all due credit to the many committees responsible for making this the most beautiful of all Christmases in our city we must not forget the one man whose enthusiasm, planning and leadership made this possible, Ned Butler, secretary of the local chamber of commerce.

Now Ned is a modest sort of a fellow and when accusing him of having been the spark plug he preferred to place himself in the background and give all the credit to the chamber of commerce, the fire department, the merchants, Sequoia High School and the others.

We salute you and your committee, Ned, for a grand job. As the result of your efforts Redwood City will be the mecca for many thousands of people throughout the Christmas season.

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**JUVENILE DELINQUENCY:** Last Tuesday County Probation Officer John S. Cowgill speaking before the Exchange Club said that Redwood City had the worst juvenile delinquency record on the Peninsula and accused Sequoia High School and our grammar schools of not carrying on sufficient supervised recreation particularly for the 'teen aged group.

Cowgill's criticism immediately brought a denial from Supt. A. C. Argo of Sequoia who was quoted as saying that he believed that they had taken the lead in the whole community in their recreation program.

**We are going to take issue with this statement because we believe Cowgill is right and Argo is wrong. Sequoia has not taken the lead in providing recreation for juveniles. What about those locked tennis courts at the high school that our children are unable to use on Saturdays and Sundays?**

Why are they not opened to the public who after all are the taxpayers who foot the bill for these courts? This writer asked this question several months ago in this column and as far as we have been able to find out has never been answered.

In addition to Sequoia our grammar schools can do considerably more than they have in the past by providing supervised recreation during after school hours and on Saturdays. As an example of how even little things have been overlooked by the school trustees Mckinley School several years built some tennis courts.

After one year of use the cheap inferior asphalt job developed chuck holes and has been in such a run-down condition ever since that a tennis player would break a leg if he ventured on the courts.

The fault as we look at it rests with the school boards of both Sequoia and the elementary schools. Cowgill's recommendations should be carried out immediately in order that the blot which has been cast upon our city as a haven for delinquents will be removed in the near future.

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IN MEMORIAM: With the passing of former Fire Chief Mark Ryan on Friday Redwood City commuters lost one of their best friends and most loyal boosters. Mark was always happy with his commuter friends and his kindly counsel and friendly suggestions more than once helped the club over some of the rough spots in the early days of its organization. We are proud to have known him as a real friend and as a gentleman. May his soul rest in peace and God bless his memory.

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PERSONALS: **Chester Armstrong** was having difficulty explaining a cut eye-brow to his friends . . . ditto **Tom Cutting** who had an injured hand. . . . Directors and house committee meetings at the homes of **Ed Horgan** and **Brocky Brockway** during the last two weeks played to full houses. . . . Commuters can't wait for that train party on the day before Christmas . . . at least 100 expected to take the 7:28 on that morning. . . . **Lloyd Liebman** returns home from three month tour of the U.S. . . . Southern Pacific announces two special afternoon trains on Dec. 24 from S.F. one at 12:35 p.m. and the other at 2:15 p.m. . . . **Ralph Ebener** Redwood City commuter injured in an auto accident recently has left the hospital and is recovering at his home.

## Spring Concerts

The Sponsorship Committee of the Notre Dame Music Assn. met recently at the home of Mrs. James P. Healy of Belmont to plan for the association's spring concert series.

Mrs. Lloyd Underwood of Belmont is chairman of the committee. She was responsible for the three concerts held this year, and is herself a musician and composer.

She will work with Mrs. James Rockwell of San Carlos, president of the association on the plans.

Mrs. W. Hugh Starke of Belmont will handle publicity for the concert series.

## Gardening News

**BY ROLLY LANGLEY**

A. F. Beaumont of Oakland grows trees and builds cabinets, but the one does not furnish material for the other. He grows the trees for fruit, and since he's been growing the dwarfs for several years, you'll profit by some of his comments. At the start he says he thinks the idea of growing dwarfs in tubs (as I mentioned) is impractical because the roots of trees usually have as much span as the limbs above. He thinks the trees would be root-bound within two years.

(Now he may be right about that, but I've found that if the right food is given the roots, they won't need to grow in proportion to the shoots above. . . . 18 foot snapbeans with six inch roots, 10 foot tomatoes with five inch roots; in a medium of plant nutrient. . . .) But let's get to his letter.

"If you try it, please remember we'll be sitting back waiting. I set out eight dwarfs — apple, apricots and cherries. My first apricot was planted on Mar. 5, 1944; was listed as a 3-year-old and was about three feet high. It is now about nine feet high, and its spread is about the same. . . .

"The reasons for my great enthusiasm in growing these dwarfs will become apparent once you have tried it, and if you are as skeptical as I was regarding the quality of apples grown in this climate, you are due for a surprise.

"I was raised in the Northwest where apples ARE apples, and neither the California or northern-market-grown apples can compare with those grown in home orchards, the only ones sold in the local markets. Now I find myself with a dwarf Yellow Delicious, grown in California, producing some of the best apples I ever ate and I have no answer for it since I am not sufficiently 'sold' on California to have my judgment influenced thereby.

"This apple was planted at the same time as the apricot. It was somewhat smaller, though of the same age, and is now about six feet high. Since it was allowed to fruit at once, and has borne every year since, it has not attained the growth of the apricot, but is doing well.

"Here is a little tree whose branches are but large twigs, bearing so heavily that it is necessary to provide a rather complicated tripod and 'suspender' arrangement to carry the weight of the fruit. In the year of its planting it bore two apples; the next year 26, and this year 62, weighing from 10 to 14 ounces each, with an average of about 12 ounces.

"The apricot and the cherries (as well as the apples) are now loaded with fruit buds, and if the weather is right next Spring, I'll have loads of fruit.

"As for their care, it is not difficult, and a good four-gallon pressure sprayer is adequate. The most necessary thing is to spray at the right time with the right product, especially on the apple for the control of the codling moth. . . ." (Here he suggests I mention the spraying . . . and I did — it ran last week, wasn't it?)

"There is one other thing — and a most important one, in connection with the purchase of dwarf fruit trees that I think you should bring to the attention of your readers.

"They should without fail purchase from a reliable nursery. The reason being that these trees are grafted on a special root-stock which controls their size, the graft being made with a scion of any of the standard fruits. In some cases, notably those sold by 'bargain houses,' the root-stock is not of established quality, and the trees may revert to full size or be otherwise unsatisfactory. . . ."

Also, I'd like to mention another thing in connection with the purchase. These dwarf fruit trees command a higher price than the regular whips, which is understandable. I'd say they're about 350 per cent higher, but since deciduous fruit trees are so cheap, the cost of the dwarfs is still very reasonable.

**You can plant them just ten feet apart without crowding unduly,** whereas in the ordinary orchard, apricots are usually on 20-foot centers, and cherries much farther apart.

## 1 Kitchen for 2

If dining room space is provided in the proposed addition to Willow School, it would be less expensive to transport the food from Ravenswood School than to set up a separate kitchen at Willow, Supt. Paul H. Henry said Friday.

The chief saving would be in the number of employes necessary to prepare the food, he said. This system was used successfully by the army and navy during the war and steam-heated containers for transporting the food and keeping it hot are available on the market at the present time.

A bus is run daily this year to transport Willow children to Ravenswood School for lunch. From 275 to 300 lunches a day are served at the Ravenswood School cafeteria, according to Mrs. George Woodside, manager.

## Recorder's Office

The office of T. Clark Rice, county recorded, reported Friday that it had handled 4461 papers for the month of November, as compared with 4883 for the same month in 1945.

Fees collected in November amounted to $7832.35 as compared to $7750.12 collected for the same month in 1945. The office handled 123 marriages last month, as compared to 112 handled for the same month in 1945. It also handled 84 service discharges as compared with 607 for the same month of November in 1945.

## Rescued Off L.A.

Crew of the Chinese freighter Hwa Tung was rescued Saturday by a coast guard destroyer, but despite efforts of a San Mateo County radio station which coordinated the rescue attempts the vessel sank 335 miles west of San Pedro.

First news that the Hwa Tung was in trouble was in a distress message picked up by the Globe Wireless Station KTK on Skyline Blvd. at 12:20 a.m. Friday.

The station notified the navy and the coast guard, which sent rescue planes and ships to the scene.

The message received at the station said that a leak had developed in one hold. The ship, bound for China, had turned back and was trying to make San Pedro when she sunk. The destroyer escort vessel Sieberling, standing by, took aboard the freighter's crew of 29 men of mixed nationalities.

## SF Pair Guilty

John C. Defer, 24, and Edgar M. Ellis, 32, Friday were found guilty of first degree murder for the slaying of a San Francisco used car salesman and sentence will be passed by Superior Judge Alfred J. Fritz this week

Leniency was recommended by the jury, saving the two men from death in San Quentin's gas chamber and making life imprisonment mandatory. The jury deliberated three hours before reaching a verdict. Twelve ballots were taken.

Joseph Klein, 47, was fatally shot by the pair on Sept. 3 during a holdup attempt.

The two were captured in San Bruno. Police Sgt. James W. Bedford, then acting police chief of San Bruno, had captured Ellis and was shot through the jaw by Defer, who made his escape but was captured several hours later in a San Bruno tavern.

## Divorce Granted

Mabel D. Well has been granted a final divorce decree by Judge Aylett B. Cotton from Ira O. Well, and was granted approval of a private property settlement made a year ago through which she was paid $100,000 to equalize division of community property.

In addition to the cash settlement, Mrs. Well received under the agreement 600 shares in the La Mirada Olive Co., furniture and personal property from the couple's home, 537 Roehampton Rd., Hillsborough, a beach home at Rio Del Mar, shares in two Tehama County ranches and $57,690 cash from dispersal of other property.

The couple was married in 1922 in Pasadena and separated Aug. 30, 1945. Mrs. Well was granted an interlocutory decree Dec. 8, 1945. The couple has an adult daughter.

## Young World Leaders

"The only thing that matters is human survival. That is the idea most paramount," Colgate Prentice, national president of the Student Federalists, told a group of 70 high school and college students from four Western states in Palo Alto Friday night.

The students had gathered for the opening meeting of the three-day conference which will set up a Western regional unit of the Student Federalists, Inc. The organization, officially started last February, is working for formation of a world government.

Prentice called for a "renaissane of old ideas of democracy," declaring that America has "forgotten the basic human rights and values." He said that the new generation must "show that America can afford the world leadership expected of it."

## Found in Atherton

Police Chief Ed Farrell of Atherton has 37 napkins and eight small tablecloths—restaurant size—but he can't very well use them because they're dirty. Besides, they don't belong to him.

They were picked up Sunday night by Officer David Silva, strewn in a trail from Menlo Junior College to San Francisquito Bridge. The police department has checked possibilities and one lady came to the police station to see if they were hers, but no one has been found who will claim them.

## Christmas Meeting

The Notre Dame Music Assn. met Thursday in the assembly hall of the Notre Dame High School for their annual Christmas meeting.

Following the business meeting presided over by Mrs. J. E. Rockwell, a special program of Christmas music was given by the students of the music department.

On the program were:

Adrienne Moses, harpist; Frances Herlihy, soprano, accompanied by Joia Silverthorne; Sally Hazzard, soprano; Paula Butier, soprano; Patricia Hall, mezzo-soprano; Lee Myers, accompanist.

The tableau of the nativity closed the program. The following girls from the grammar school took part:

Blessed Mother, Ellen Campodonico; St. Joseph, Carol Valencia; Angels, Sally Spear, Mary Jane Rockwell, Marianne and Rosalie Du Bois, Judith Maestri and Joan Hoffman.

A social hour followed the program. Mrs. Louis Vargas of San Carlos and Mrs. Renato Marchetti of Atherton, seventh and eighth grade mothers, were in charge.

The tea table was centered with poinsettias and red candles. Mrs. A. Campodonico Jr., and Mrs. Louis Vargas poured.

## Norman J. Corlett

Norman J. Corlett has accepted the office of finance chairman on the board of directors of the San Mateo County branch of the American Cancer Society, according to an announcement made Friday by Mrs. W. Parmer Fuller Jr., county commander.

The post includes general charge of the society's annual April campaign for funds. Mr. Corlett conducted a canvass of business districts throughout the county during the 1946 drive. He was president of the Burlingame Chamber of Commerce last year, is a member of Rotary Club, and at present, chairman of the executive committee of the San Mateo County Community Chest.

Other recent appointments to the board of directors are: Mrs. Henry Bostwick Jr., who will serve as assistant educational chairman; Mrs. Edward H. Heller, chairman for Atherton and Mrs. Marshal H. Fisher, chairman for Woodside.

## NPA Attack Claim

San Mateo County deputy sheriffs this week are working in cooperation with Santa Clara County officials in an effort to track down the man who brutally raped a North Palo Alto mother early Wednesday morning.

Dep. Sheriff John O'Brien, who has been making the investigation with Dep. Sheriff Milton Minehan, Saturday said the man who attacked 22-year-old Mrs. Mary Thomas may be the same man who Wednesday evening raped a young woman in San Jose.

The two descriptions tally, O'Brien said, and victims in each case mentioned the "rough" hands of the attacker. In the San Jose case, the victim was choked into unconsciousness after she had stepped from a bus, and attacked in the man's car.

## Injured in Fall

Carol Ann Blackmore, 15-year-old Atherton girl, suffered lacerations of the scalp, abrasions and a bruised eye when she fell from a moving train 500 yards north of the Atherton station at 4 p.m. Friday.

A passenger on the train saw the girl, wearing a red coat, and called the conductor. When the train ground to a stop, the girl was found unconscious. She was rushed to Palo Alto Hospital

Cause of her fall has not been determined, Police Chief Ed Farrell of Atherton reported Saturday. The girl, riding on Train 120, and slid 27 feet after hitting the ground. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Blackmore, 73 Ashfield Rd. Her mother was waiting at the station to meet her.

## Retroactive Pay

Saturday was payday at the city hall—and a king sized payday it was.

When the city council granted wage increases recently it made them retroactive to Oct. 1 but ruled that the back pay should all be paid at one time—Saturday.

Extra checks covering the back pay ranged from $40 to $70.

## Housewarming

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert "Pinky" Garcia, the former Frances Ann Harkins of Menlo Park, who were married recently in a ceremony at Reno, were surprised in their new home at 2939 Glendale Ave., Atherton, on Wednesday evening at a housewarming party.

A group of friends, bearing gifts, dropped in on the couple as a complete surprise. Miss Ella Fischer of Burlingame made all of the arrangements.

Atending the party were Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rutherford, Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Pickels, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Warden, Miss Evelyn Marsac, Mrs. Marie Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. E. Estrata, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Fix and D. E. Harkins, Mrs. Garcia's mother.

## New Officers

The Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War, Geraldine E. Frisbie Tent No. 76 recently elected new officers for the coming year.

Those elected were:

Sophia Thiltgen, president; May Monroe, senior vice president; Ellen Lundin, junior vice president; Louise Geske, treasurer; Elouise Campbell, patriotic instructor; Alice Foulkes, Stella Campbell and Elva Kelton, council members.

Out-going president, Elouise Campbell, entertained her officers at a Christmas party after the meeting. The members also celebrated the 61st anniversary of the organization.

Guests at the meeting were Ada Belle Wagner of San Francisco, past department president, and Ida Jennings of Burbank.

Members of the organization will meet on Tuesday at the Southern Pacific Depot at 1 p.m., where they will be taken in cars to the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. Arrangements have been made there to entertain the servicemen with a program and refreshments.

## Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kroijer, 3703 Jefferson St., Redwood City, a son was born at the Palo Alto Hospital on Dec. 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Brackett, 1818 El Camino Real, Redwood City, a daughter was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Dec. 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pardew, 253 Oliver St., Redwood City, a son was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Dec. 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goetz, 1024 James St., Redwood City, a daughter was born at the Palo Alto Hospital on Dec. 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vucinich, Bldg. 421, Apt. 4, Stanford Village, a daughter was born at the Palo Alto Hospital on Dec. 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barnes, Woodside Rd., Redwood City, a son was born at the Palo Alto Hospital on Dec. 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Whitaker, 430 1st Ave., Redwood City, a daughter was born at the Palo Alto Hospital on Dec. 13.

## Belmont Fire Dept.

The 25 members of Belmont's volunteer fire department have completed a 30-hour training course and have become the first Peninsula fire department to have a 100 per cent record on the course, Fire Chief Elbert Miller announced Saturday.

The course, directed by Kenneth Thompson of the American Red Cross office in Burlingame, entitles the Belmont men to wear the ARC patch on their uniforms.

According to Chief Miller, the department is now completely staffed and equipped for emergency first aid or for disaster relief. Three mobile units are on hand and ready to roll anywhere on the Peninsula, and the station itself can be converted to an eight bed hospital in an emergency.

## Ida Rhodes Case

Mrs. Ida M. Rhodes, 40, of Burlingame, charged with grand theft in an alleged "earnest money" real estate racket, was granted a continuance until Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. for preliminary hearing by Judge Hugh F. Mullin Jr. in San Mateo Justice Court.

Mrs. Rhodes was arrested Nov. 7 by agents of the district attorney's office, which said some 24 persons had made at least $17,000 in payments on property they never received. Mrs. Rhodes operated a real estate company in San Carlos.

She also faces two civil suits for $2500 each.

## Two Men Quizzed

Two men were being questioned in San Francisco Saturday in connection with an attempt to extort $10,000 from Albert Ichelson of Redwood City, wealthy real estate man.

**One of the men in custody was Benjamin Gromet, 30, unemployed real estate salesman from Seattle, the owner of the convertible sedan used by the extortionists. Gromet was apprehended at Oakland police headquarters Friday when he reported his car was stolen. The bullet ridden car was found abandoned four hours after it vanished into a heavy fog on the shores of Lake Merritt in Oakland late Thursday night.**

Identity of the second man held and the reason for his detention were withheld by San Francisco police.

"We haven't cracked the case," was the statement made by San Francisco to the Tribune this afternoon.

Police Chief C. L. Collins of Redwood City and San Francisco and Oakland police had set a trap for the extortionists in Oakland Thursday night but the trio of extortionists fled into the heavy fog amid a flurry of 30 or 40 bullets. A "dummy" package had been left at the scene by Ichelson, instead of the $10,000 that had been demanded. Ichelson, owner of considerable property here and elsewhere in the state, lives at 231 Arlington Rd.

## 'Miracle of Nativity'

The Millbrae Community Players have invited the public to attend the fourth annual presentation of "The Miracle of the Nativity" a pageant-drama of the birth of Christ directed by Ralph Schram. The play will be presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 22, at 6:30 and 8:30 a'clock at the Chadbourne Ave., auditorium in Millbrae.

Free tickets may be reserved by telephoning Millbrae 441 or by writing to Box 1, Millbrae. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope and specify which performance is desired.

## Walkout Ended

A one-day strike of Operating Engineers Local 3, AFL, against the Peter Sorensen Co. of Redwood City was settled Friday, a spokesman for Sorensen reported.

Members of the union met in Sorensen's office Friday and settled their dispute, the spokesman reported. The spokesman declined to give details of the settlement, and neither Sorensen nor Chet Elliot of Burlingame, the union business agent, could be contacted.

All those who struck have returned to work, it was reported.

Sorensen's trucks had been hauling rock from Canada Rd., near Woodside, to Redwood City. The material was being hauled to the Hudson St. project in Redwood City and to Stanford Village for streets and sidewalks, and to other projects.

The dispute was over the discharge of a union oiler, Norman L. Salvador, 23 Elm St., San Mateo. He had been replaced by Earl Barnett of San Carlos, also a union oiler who has been working for Sorensen on the Coastside.

## 'Y' Battling Crimes

The Redwood City YMCA is taking a lead in preventing juvenile delinquency with a variety of activity, Charles Ward, chairman of the local YMCA committee, pointed out following the announcement that Redwood City leads all cities in the county in juvenile delinquency.

Probation Officer John S. Cowgill earlier in the week had told of Redwood City's juvenile delinquency plight and called upon schools, churches and recreation groups to aid in combating the delinquency.

**James Batchelor, local 'Y' secretary, pointed out that 12 YMCA clubs meet weekly in Redwood City schools and churches. Nine other groups meet throughout the Sequoia High School District. Each group has an adult leader with Christian background, Batchelor declared.**

The YMCA building at 234 Brewster Ave. (corner of Brewster Ave. and Clinton St.) is open each day and night, except Saturday night, and is usually filled to capacity.

The building had a record attendance last Tuesday of 131. The attendance during October totaled 2353 for an average of 87 a day. The November attendance was 2303 for an average of 92 per day (the building was open two less days in November than in October).

Facilities at the 'Y' building include basketball, volleyball, badminton, horseshoes, ping pong, pool, checkers, chess, reading room and crafts.

The buildings is open both high school lunch periods, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. daily, and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon, 1 to 5 p.m.

**During Easter week, Christmas weeks, Armistice Day, Memorial Day, summer months, teachers' institute days, etc., the building is open, under the supervision of the local 'Y' secretary and Stanford men.**

The clubs which meet weekly "provide recreation, opportunity to conduct club business, democratic planning of club programs around needs and interests of the boys and teaching of Christian character," Batchelor said.

A group of Redwood City men comprising the local YMCA committee meet each month to map plans for furthering the 'Y' program.

A. C. Argo, superintendent of the Sequoia High School District, Friday declared that Sequoia sponsors a recreation program that is unique in the state, in reply to Cowgill's report on juvenile delinquency.

## Continue Search

The sheriff's office Saturday issued an all-points bulletin for Arnold H. Nay, 28-year-old Belmont tree surgeon who has been missing since Nov. 25.

The request for the search was made by Christine Rogers, a friend of Mrs. Nay, who lives at 2021 Arbor Ave., Belmont.

Nay is described as 5 feet 6 inches tall; has red hair, blue eyes and weighs about 140 pounds. He is an ex-corporal in the army, and has been wounded in the left foot.

Relatives in Antioch, Calif., in Utah and Nevada are being contacted to see whether he may be visiting them.

## The Housing Swindle

Members of San Mateo Legion post last week heard Peter B. Kyne, nationally known novelist, talk on what he termed "the great national swindle" in home construction for veterans.

Kyne informed his audience that he recently concluded a nationwide survey of home construction for a national magazine and that his article on "The Great National Swindle" will appear soon.

Kyne said the practice is ganeral to build homes for veterans out of poor lumber with inferior workmanship.

**"Veterans are being charged three to four times the worth of the structures, which will not remain standing until the time they reach the final payment," he declared.**

When asked if the condition applies locally he replied, "The practice, I find, is general. The lumber used is too green. The better grades of lumber go for millwork and sash but not into structural work."

He further said he had investigated prefabricated homes and found construction practices better than in custom built homes. While pointing to some abuses in prefabricated homes, the author praised the product of one firm.

Referring to it, he said:

"It is made of a molded fibrous plastic mix, is fireproof, holds heat, has long life and can be purchased for one-third the asking price of the poorest constructed regular type of home offered veterans."

## How About New Schools?

The California Pacific Title Insurance Co. plans to add a $75,000 second story to its building at 2303 Broadway, Mgr. T. J. Hallinan announced Friday.

The added space is needed to handle the increase in business which has come with the growth in the population of San Mateo County, Hallinan said. All of the space gained by the new addition will be used by the title company, Hallinan added, none will be rented.

**Hallinan said that his firm employed 28 persons here in 1937 but now the staff totals 70. The building is so crowded at present that it would be impossible to squeeze in another desk, he said.**

A building permit already has been procured, and work will start as soon as architects complete the plans.

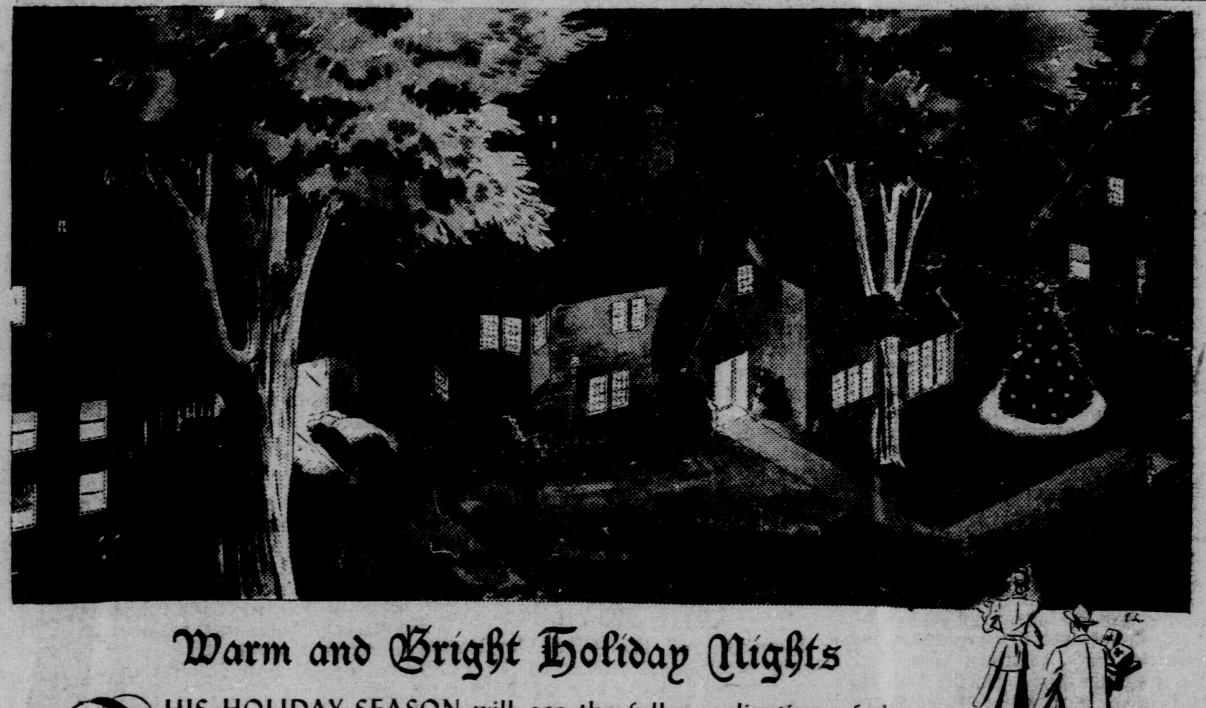
The original building was constructed in 1921, and was 40 by 80 feet. In 1937, a 40 by 50 feet addition was constructed at the back of the building, and it included a mezzanine. The new contruction will include revamping the air conditioning system and the construction of an elevator.

In line with county expansion, Hallinan pointed out that the title company recently completed its modern vaults on Spring and Chestnut Sts. at a cost of $50,000.

## Buch Pleads Guilty

James L. Buch, 21, 658A El Camino Real, an advertising salesman, plead guilty Thursday before Police Judge W. H. (Bud) Thorpe to a charge of indecent exposure.

Buch was arrested Dec. 3 by Redwood City police after an incident involving two minor girls on Myrtle St. between Brewster and Harrison Aves.



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For here in California, gay and festive lighting is generously used as holiday trimming in the home. Light dramatically brings out the color and sparkle of decorations. Light pays fitting compliment to fine linen and silver and tempting foods when families gather for holiday dinners.

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## A Worthy Group

Temporary officers and a nominating and organizational committee were elected for the Redwood City Provisional Council of Civic Unity at a meeting which packed the county board of supervisors' chambers in the courthouse Tuesday night.

William Spangle of the county planning commission staff was elected chairman of the group, and declared that "while the burning of John Walker's house was the incident out of which this group was born, the council has been created as a permanent and enduring body which will serve the community for years to come."

**Purpose of Tuesday night's meeting was to establish an organizational framework for expansion of the body into a council representative of all groups in Redwood City.**

A nominating and organizational committee was elected which will contact organizations that up to now have not participated in the council, and will later present nominations for permanent officers and permanent committees.

Named to the committee were the Rev. Jesse Lacklen, Methodist Church; John T. Walker, Don Brown, Sequoia High School teacher; the Rev. Sidney Bucham, Congregational Church of San Mateo; Mrs. Elizabeth Eisenberg, Palo Alto Fair Play Committee; Sidney Staton, San Mateo County Branch, National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People; Harold Wise, Federal Public Housing Administration staff member; Mrs. George A. Schroeder of Menlo Park, and Robert Berkely, American Negro Congress.

Temporary officers elected were William Spangle, chairman; Stanley White, treasurer; Mrs. Martin Jarvis, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Louise White, recording secretary.

**The Reverend Lacklen attacked a statement of Chief Dep. Sheriff Walter Moore, who recently said that "another mass meeting (like the first Civic Unity Council meeting a week ago) and we'll have a race riot." Lacklen declared that the spirit of the last meeting was "fine" and engendered "good feeling."**

"I believe that if representatives of other organizations were here tonight they would see that this is a real attempt to achieve civic unity," Lacklen declared in urging wider organizational participation.

He suggested that the committee seek to get the cooperation of the sheriff's office and not become "another committee that won't get along with other organizations." He also pointed out that certain organizations had been "conspicuous by their absence" at the meetings.

In discussing a motion passed last week to have a clean-up day to clear the debris from Walker's burned home, it was explained that the law enforcement agencies do not yet want the property touched. The clean up day will be announced later.

Also present at the meeting were Edward Howden of the San Francisco Civic Unity Council, Lawrence Hughes, American Council on Race Relations, and Caroline McChesney of the California Council of Civic Unity, who told the audience about the workings and organizational set-up of San Francisco, national and state councils.

Howden said that the San Francisco council is trying to get to the bottom of the rumor, which according to Redwood City Police C. L. Collins was started by a San Francisco reporter, which created the tense situation Sunday in the vicinity of Walker's home on Hancock St.

**STANFORD FLYS**

The second contingent of Stanford gridders left Tuesday night from San Francisco Airport for Hawaii where they are scheduled to play the University of Hawaii Saturday. The first group of Indian footballers enplaned for the islands Sunday and arrived there safely.

## The New "Y" Officers

Andrew Spinas, superintendent of the Redwood City Elementary School Dist., has been reelected vice chairman of the Board of Managers of the Peninsula Branch, YMCA, for 1947.

Carl Cunningham of Burlingame was relected chairman and Myron Greenlee of San Carlos was chosen secretary to succeed Martin Kemmerle of Millbrae at the annual election dinner meeting of the Peninsula Branch YMCA Council.

**Reelected to the board of managers for a three-year period ending December, 1949, were the Rev. Sidney Buckham of San Mateo; Lloyd A. Johnson of Woodside, president of the National Motor Bearing Co. here; Ronald MacPherson, San Mateo; Chris E. Phelan, Burlingame; Earl Whitaker, Redwood City, principal of Lincoln School; George White, Burlingame; Paul W. Wood, Hillsborough, and Neal Van Sooy, Palo Alto, executive secretary of the Stanford Alumni Assn.**

Elected to the senior council were Clarence Argo, Atherton, superintendent of the Sequoia High School District, and George Davis of Millbrae.

After the election, in which 18 new members were added to the branch council, the group heard Henry Soderberg, Swedish field representative of the YMCA war prisoner's aid, describe his work among American, British and Russian prisoners of war in German camps during World War II.

Soderberg, who covered 22 PW camps during the war, told of being arrested several times in Germany on suspicion of espionage, but always was released after investigation.

**He said he found the American prisoners the most ingenious of all those in German camps and most adept in eluding Nazi security regulations.**

In one raid, he said, the gestapo found 22 radios which American prisoners had built and there were more that the gestapo missed, in one camp.

Although the situation in Europe has improved greatly in the last year, he declared, it still is very bad and there still are from six to seven million war prisoners in Allied hands, principally in Russian camps.

But, he concluded, "while there still are people of good-will in the world, there is always hope."

## Mole Burglar

Taking a page right out of mole burglar John O'Dea's book, a burglar or burglars Friday kicked in a back wall at Roy's Cleaners, El Camino Real and Harrison Ave., last night and made off with $20 in silver and an undetermined amount of clothing.

Police Officer Theodore Moudakas said that investigation had led him to believe an automobile was parked in a driveway at the Behrens estate just back of the cleaning establishment.

After that, he continued, a 15-inch hole was kicked in a plaster wall being constructed on an addition to the cleaning plant. Silver was taken from a cash register.

**Moudakas said that he couldn't yet tell how much clothing was taken but that it probably was enough to fill the automobile.**

A carton of cigarets was also taken and two packs were later dropped on the Behrens driveway leading police to suspect the car was parked there during the burglary.

The incident took place sometime between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m.

Moudakas said that evidence left suggested that it was not a "professional" job.

One thing sure—it wasn't O'Dea who is now in San Quentin, the San Francisco drug addict having been finally caught after a series of Peninsula mole burglaries.

## 4 Ex-Convicts

Four ex-convicts whom he had helped send to prison were questioned and eliminated as suspects by the Los Angeles police Tuesday in connection with the murder of Maurice Malter, whose bullet-ridden body was found Sunday on the Old Poor Farm Rd., west of San Mateo, authorities reported here Wednesday.

The men were questioned on the request of Sheriff James J. McGrath who believed that Malter might have been killed in revenge for the prison sentences.

In 1931, Malter was one of the defendants on trial in a cleaning and dying company "war" which included bombing, acid throwing and the death of a watchman. He turned state's evidence and helped convict five men who were sentenced to life imprisonment, but later paroled or pardoned by Gov. Culbert Olson.

**Those men were Edward H. Friedman, Robert Cowan and George Gartler, all of whom testified they were in Los Angeles at the time of the slaying. The fourth exconvict, Edward J. Rollins, appeared with an attorney and also claimed he was in the South. The fifth man in the case, Fred Fisher, is serving time in the Los Angeles County Jail as a parole violator.**

Malter had flown from Los Angeles on Saturday to attend the races, sheriff's officers report, and they are working on two leads. One given by Joe Brown, Millbrae taxi driver, who believes he drove Malter to the race track on Saturday. At that time, according to Brown, Malter asked him about transportation to San Francisco after the races.

The other lead concerns statements given by track employes who believe that Malter left the track with two men who had offered him a ride to San Francisco.

Malter, an appliance store owner, had apparently bet a fairly large amount of money on a winning horse, according to track employes who saw a man answering his description buy 20 $50 tickets on a winning horse, and a memoranda found on the body, with the same winning horse's name encircled. However, sheriff's officers found only 53 cents on the body.

## Top Enrollment

Stanford University's already record-breaking enrollment of 7238 students is expected to increase slightly when the winter quarter opens Jan. 6, 1947.

H. Donald Winbigler, registrar, announced Tuesday that 515 new undergraduate and graduate students, 40 men and 115 women, have been accepted for winter quarter registration. More than half of the new students will fill vacancies provided by autumn quarter graduations.

The successful applicants, of whom three-fourths are veterans, were selected from 800 fully qualified candidates.

Winbigler said that an unpredictable element in the winter registration figure is the number of former Stanford students who may wish to enter the university after their discharge, now in progress, from the 1945 class of army inductees. Stanford, Winbigler explained, has made a policy of reenrolling all these students who left the university in good standing.

## A Visit With Santa

Almost 4000 children and adults were on hand Saturday to welcome Santa Claus to Redwood City. The sun came out from behind the clouds just as E. W. Butler, manager of the chamber of commerce, opened the Christmas party on the steps of the courthouse at 1 p.m.

Butler introduced Keith Cole, chairman of the chamber's Christmas decorations committee, who thanked the merchants for their cooperation and then introduced B. B. Berman, master of ceremonies, who started the 45-minute entertainment program.

**Santa Claus arrived at the courthouse steps, just as the entertainment ended. He came in his sleigh drawn, not by the famed reindeer, but by a very modern jeep.**

Over 1600 children under eight years of age waited in line for their turn to talk to Santa and receive one of the special toys he had on hand for the occasion.

The entertainment was provided by Jan's Varieties under the direction of Janet Demma, who also accompanied the acts on the piano.

The acts included Diane Smithee who did a tap dance, her sister Claudette who did a controled acrobatic dance, and Mariel Ray who very appropriately sang "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

The unveiling of the Nativity Scene at 8 o'clock on the lawn of the Central School began the evening's activities.

Ray Spangler, president of the chamber of commerce, opened the ceremony by thanking the merchants for their cooperation with the chamber, and for making possible the Christmas decorations and festivities in Redwood City.

Spangler then introduced Cole, who acknowledged the individuals who worked on the Christmas plans in the community.

**The Rev. E. R. Comes, pastor of the Full Gospel Church, read the invocation. Mrs. L. A. Sanos led the Full Gospel Children's Choir in the singing of "Come All Ye Faithful." Bruce Smalley gave a recitation and the program concluded with a Christmas story told by Mrs. Sam Stevenson.**

Redwood City's Christmas plans include a program of carols given every night, except Sunday, at the Nativity Scene by a different local choral group. Santa Claus is scheduled to roam the streets by day, to talk to children, and local merchants will remain open until 9 o'clock for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.

## USWV Auxiliary

Capt. H. J. Reilly Auxiliary 70 of the United Spanish War Veterans met on Dec. 10 at the Veterans Hall with the president, May Foster, presiding.

Following the meeting members of the camp joined the auxiliary for a Christmas party. A decorated tree and lighted fireplace added to the Christmas spirit of two large stockings filled with gifts and red berries and candles on the refreshment table.

Christmas carols were sung and gifts distributed. A birthday cake was served celebrating the birthdays of Cora Hinman, Ida Buenning, Gertrude Melby and Penelope McCarron.

## Suspect Foul Play

Sheriff's officers Tuesday were seeking to track down all leads which would reveal the murderer of Maurice Malter, 53-year-old Los Angeles radio appliance dealer.

Dep. Sheriff John O'Brien said today that Malter's movements had been checked to the time he had arrived at Bay Meadows track Saturday afternoon.

**Malter's body was found Sunday afternoon on Old Poor Farm Rd., west of San Mateo, with four bullet wounds, two of which were of fatal nature.**

O'Brien said that he had requested information from Los Angeles police of four men who had been convicted in 1933 by Malter's testimony in the Los Angeles cleaners and dyers bombing and acid throwing incident.

Five men had been sentenced to life imprisonment and four released on parole within the past two to three years. O'Brien said the whereabouts of the paroled men is being checked with the parole board.

A Millbrae cab driver, Joe Brown, told O'Brien that he had picked up a fare Saturday answering the description of Malter. He said that while driving to Bay Meadows his fare had given him a tip on a horse and had asked if cabs were available at the track after the races.

**Meanwhile, O'Brien said he had received information from Los Angeles police telling him that Malter had attended the races regularly in Los Angeles and also that Malter had about $500 with him when he boarded the plane for San Francisco.**

Malter's wallet was missing when the body was found, and O'Brien had not entirely discarded the theory that robbery may have been a possible motive for the slaying.

Another angle being checked by O'Brien involved an Oakland radio appliance firm. Malter, who had come to San Francisco on two Saturdays previously, had told his family that he was negotiating with the Lakeside Manufacturing Co. for purchase of an interoffice communications system.

O'Brien says that officials of the Oakland firm denied knowing or having contact with Malter.

Malter's body was shipped Monday night to Los Angeles where funeral services will be held later this week.

**AUTO THEFT REPORTED**

Redwood City police Wednesday reported the theft of a 1928 Locomobile yesterday from a parking lot near the Southern Pacific Co. station. The vehicle was the property of Ambrose D. Dwyer, 929 James Ave.

## Willett Trial

Wednesday's session of the trial of Don Willett, Palo Alto contracting bricklayer, for the Sept. 22 murder of his brother, Richard, centered around attempts by the defense and prosecution to "clear the alcoholic fog" under which Louis J. Perich says he has been since the night of the fatal stabbing.

Sidelights were minor verbal skirmishes between Chief Defense Atty. Elmer D. Jensen and Prosecutor A. A. Andreuccetti in which Jensen refused all offers of aid from the prosecution with the statement: "Beware of the Greeks bearing gifts."

Perich denied having heard Richard Willett cry "Don stabbed me." He testified he had been in the bathroom of the Don Willett's Palo Alto home "settling an argument" between himself and Jess Morrison. The cause of the argument, which had begun earlier, had been Morrison's attentions to Mrs. Virginia Nichols, described as his girl friend and a member of the party.

Perich, obviously nervous, continued his testimony of Tuesday that members of the party got together after Dick Willett was taken to Palo Alto Hospital and decided to concoct a story of the stabbing for Palo Alto police.

## Areme Club

Officers in the Areme Club were installed last Tuesday at a dinner party at the Ramor Oaks. Mrs. Alice Otis, outgoing president, decorated the tables with silver leaves and red candles, with a miniature Santa and red berries at the head table.

New officers installed were Mildred Nelson, president; Yvonne Stubbe, vice president; Elizabeth Madeira, secretary, and Annie Meetz, treasurer.

Norma Roberts of San Jose, assisted Mrs. Otis in installing the officers. "Secret pals" were also revealed.

## The Arson Investigation

A woman from the Dumbarton Oaks district near Redwood City Wednesday underwent intensive questioning at the district attorney's office in connection with the Dec. 6 burning of the home of John Walker, Negro war veteran.

Frank Marlowe, criminal investigator for the district attorney, said the woman does not face arrest. He would not explain her connection with the case.

The questioning was conducted by Marlowe, Paul Jensen of the sheriff's office, B. W. Glendinning, agent of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, and Fred Wyckoff, deputy district attorney.

The woman was taken to the office at 11 a.m. and still was being questioned Wednesday afternoon.

## The New Head Matron

Emil G. Steinegger, contractor, of 302 Myrtle St., Redwood City, is the new worshipful master of Redwood City Lodge 468, Free and Accepted Masons, as the result of installation ceremonies held Saturday night in the Masonic Temple before approximately 300 members of the organization.

A. E. Rishel, who has served as master of the lodge during 1946, acted as installing officer, and A. W. Russell, past master, was master of ceremonies for installation, which followed a turkey dinner.

Installed with Steinegger were E. L. Tharp, senior warden; L. C. Jenssen, junior warden, Ralph H. Hallett, senior deacon, R. H. Winther, junior deacon; Ira A. Boynton, senior steward; C. J. Van Duker, junior steward; W. W. Hilton, secretary, for his 10th consecutive term; Dr. N. C. Cummings, treasurer, for his 21st term, George W. McNulty, tyler for his 28th term; Henry Barrett, organist; Russell, chaplain, and Rishel, marshal.

Cy Trobbe, San Francisco orchestra leader, played several violin solos during the ceremony. Members of the Bel Canto Chorus, under the direction of George Prall, sang three numbers immediately following the dinner. Guests were present from Palo Alto, Menlo Park, San Carlos and San Mateo lodges.

## In Damage Suit

Mrs. Mildred M. Dudzak of South San Francisco today filed suit in superior court for $50,000 damages against the Southern Pacific Co. in the death of her husband, Andrew L. Dudzak.

Mrs. Dudzak, who also is the administratrix of her husband's estate, states in her complaint that he was killed on Dec. 16, 1945, when a train struck the car he was driving along Linden Ave. in South San Francisco.

Also named defendants in the suit are two of the train crew, Alex H. Johnson and Irving S. Zoillick.

## On Stanford Campus

More offices for faculty members, additional library space and special offices for the Veterans Administration are now being provided at Stanford with the construction of three navy-surplus prefabricated buildings.

The three prefabricated aluminum structures, each with approximately 6000 square feet of floor space, are being erected behind the parking lot to the rear of the education building on the campus. This location is on the west side of Galvez St. north of Escondido Rd.

## 'Teen Agers

A recommendation from the planning commission that a 'teen-age canteen be erected at California Square will top busines before the city council at its 8 p.m. session in the city hall.

**At its last meeting two weeks ago the council had approved the idea of such a canteen and requested the commission to make a recommendation concerning where the canteen could be built. The commission has since given three recommendations, the California Square project being the first choice. Others are that the city rent the vacant Behrens Estate at El Camino Real and Jefferson Ave. or that it rent the old Carnegie Library Bldg. at Jefferson and Broadway.**

Other items on tonight's council agenda:

A report on a committee inspection of prefabricated houses.

A report by City Atty. Paul A. McCarthy on the George Ibsen Rest Home which the council has ordered closed.

A further report on the awarding of a contract for improvements and the purchase of bonds at Redwood Terrace No. 1.

A further report on a proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 486 prohibiting double parking.

A recommendation from the planning commission regarding the annexation of the Alden Subdivision.

A report by City Mgr. E. W. Blom on a council demand that the Southern Pacific Co. erect crossing gates at the Broadway crossing.

A report by the city manager on a sewage problem at Ebener and Poplar Sts.

The presentation of a petition regarding the annexation of Redwood Village.

## Fire Department

Arrival of a new resuscitator-inhalator-aspirator has been announced by Fire Chief Joseph Lodi.

The new machine will join the department's two inhalators and be used in the reviving of victims of accidents or illnesses which stop lungs from functioning.

Lodi said the $575 machine could be used on two persons at one time and was the latest thing in such instruments. Years ago, he continued, inhalators were used by fire departments but discarded when it was found that they sometimes burst lungs. Since then firemen have been applying artificial respiration by hand while administering oxygen. The new machine, he said, does away with the necessity for administering artificial respiration by hand, yet is manufactured so that it cannot burst lungs.

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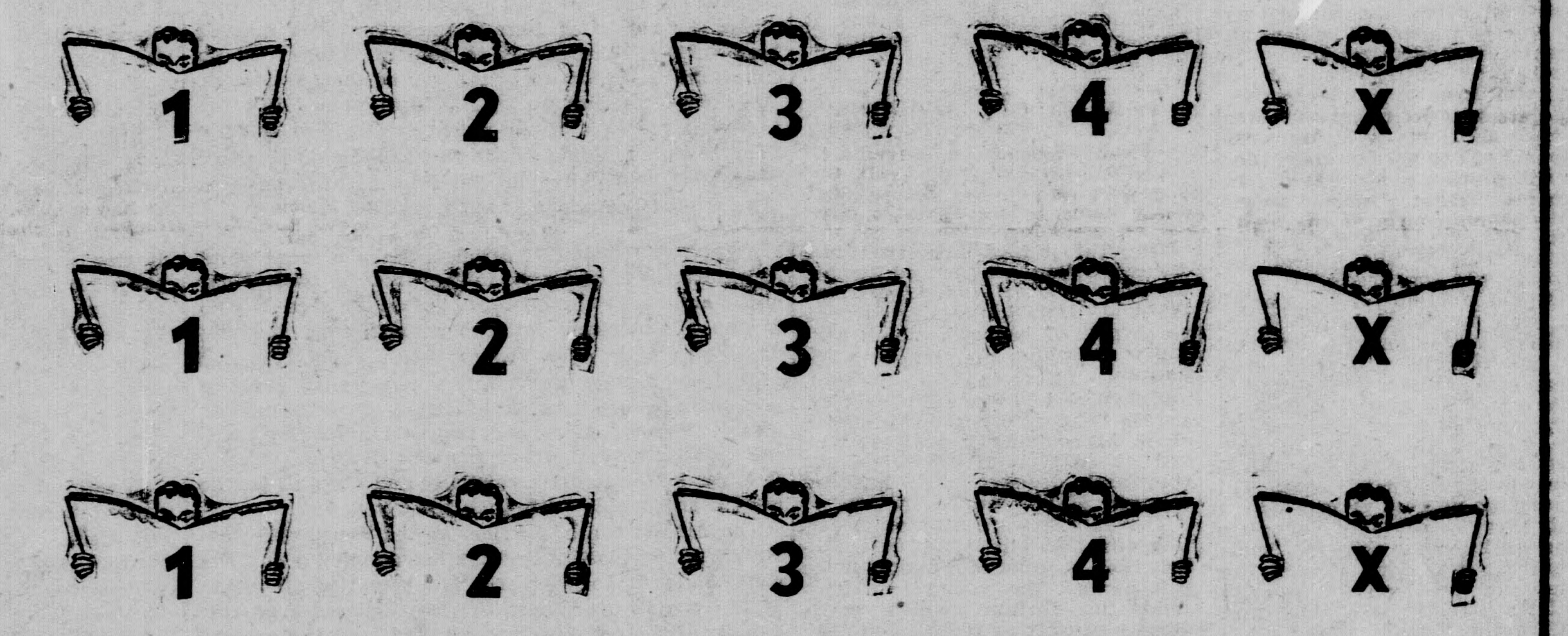

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Not long ago someone asked if syrup was made from sweet corn. As I remarked then, I didn't know but it seemed logical. But sometimes truth is stranger than what seems logical, as a Palo Alto greenthumber, C. L. Cummins points out:

"As I grew up in the corn country and am closely associated with one of the large starch manufacturing plants in Indiana, I was surprised to realize that there were people in some sections of the country who had little chance to know about corn.

"While back at our plant recently I picked up a brief treatise on corn which I'll enclose. You will note that a tremendous amount of corn raised goes into manufacturing by-products.

"The process in a corn products plant, as carried out in the Union Starch and Refining Co. Works, with which I am most familiar, is roughly, to grind the corn in water, roughly breaking the outside shell and then through numerous processes separating the husk, the starch and the germ. The starch in some plants is refined and sold as cornstarch either for food or other manufacturing processes, and in others is converted into sugar as it is done in the stomach, and from sugar into syrup such as glucose, corn syrup, etc. The germ is one of our principal oil supplies for cooking oils, etc.

"I will sum up by saying that I doubt if any sweet corn is used in this process at all, as the sweet corn is a little different from the field corn except when it is in the milk or roasting ear stage as we know it. . . ."

According to the treatise, the U. S. grows about ¾ of the world's corn, and 80 per cent of the U. S. crop is made in the North Central States. . . . This corn is worth more than all the wheat, oats, barley, rye, rice and buckwheat combined!

Growers have been making fast strides toward better grades of corn. In 1938 only .2 per cent of it was hybrid, but by 1945 88.3 per cent was hybrid corn. And it's a job to produce the hybrid corn seed.

"Each tassel produces more than 20,000 times as much pollen as needed to fertilize the shoot on its own stalk. This oversupply was in the past allowed to drift in the breeze over the rest of the field. Thus in the old-fashioned field, each ear was pollenized from tassels of perhaps a hundred different plants. A mongrel corn crop was developed.

"In hybrid corn, controlled breeding replaces this confusion. A bag is tied about the tassel to collect pollen, then the bag is emptied by hand over the shoot or "female" flower (the silks on the ear of corn).

"After seven years of this constant inbreeding a strain of corn will emerge which can be depended upon to show identical traits from season to season if planted at least 200 yards from any other corn.

"Later, in order to improve weak portions of the new strain, crossbreeding of two pure strains is done for three years more. Finally, two such crosses are combined to give a double-cross, thus uniting the traits of four pure grandparent strains. This is the hybrid seed which is sold commercially.

"Once a good double-cross hybrid has been developed it can be reproduced year after year by planting one row of one with every three rows of the second breed.

"As soon as tassels appear in July, groups of young boys and girls ride through the fields on high-wheeled platforms plucking tassels from all the "female" rows. This detasseling process is repeated at least every other day for about three weeks. Since only the "male" plants are left with tassels, they alone can dust pollen over the field. As a result, they thus cross-fertilize the 'female' rows."

DID YOU KNOW THAT 85 per cent of all corn raised stays on the farm to fatten hogs and cattle and poultry — thus turned into meat and dairy products?

That the tassels taken from hybrid corn are rich in vitamins?

That all the kernel is used so that a bushel of corn weighing 56 pounds will make 33 pounds of corn starch, or about 37 pounds of corn syrup, or about 25 pounds of highly refined corn sugar? That a by-product of 15 pounds of gluten food and 1½ pounds of corn oil is made?

Don't plant corn now. But have you tried corn salad? Usually sown in early Spring. (Considered a weed in some parts of the country.)

# The Ministers Meet

Members of the Redwood City Ministerial Assn. Tuesday at their monthly meeting expressed the belief that the correcting of juvenile delinquency should start at its source — the home -- the Rev. Roland G. deVries, president of he group, said today.

The ministers discussed the subject after it was reported last week that Redwood City leads the county in juvenile delinquency.

**"Parental delinquency" might be a better term, the Rev. deVries, pastor of the First Congregational Church, declared. Parents are not in church, and children don't care about things that their parents are not interested in, he said.**

**The church is a character building organization, he said. The building of strong homes is one of the church's main goals.**

Redwood City and the people of Redwood City are not backing the churches, the president of the ministerial group declared. The churches reach only one-fifth of the population, he stated. Four-fifths of the city's population do not attend church.

In addition to sponsoring their own youth programs and church school programs, most Redwood City churches sponsor YMCA clubs and scouting programs, and allow use of the church buildings for scout troops sponsored by other organizations.

**"The church is the greatest corrective to juvenile delinquency," the Rev. Mr. deVries said.**

Every church has its own particular approach, he said, but all center in correcting the weaknesses of human character.

The ministerial association still has under consideration plans for presenting release time religious education, the president reported, and the ministers are looking forward to a group study into religious education methods as presented through visual aid.

# They're Off to Oxford

Two Stanford graduates are among the 48 listed from colleges and universities across the nation as Rhodes scholar selections in the first list of candidates for the honor since 1938. The announcement was made Monday by Dr. Frank Aydelotte, American secretary to the Rhodes trustees.

The local graduates are Frank D. Tatum Jr., of Menlo Park currently Stanford law school student and part-time assistant to the president of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce; and Oliver E. Dews Jr., Stanford '43, just released from three years in the Army Air Corps, and resident of Ashland, Ore.

**Tatum held the National Collegiate Golf Championship in 1942, the year he was graduated from Stanford. A Phi Beta Kappa honorary society member, he held lower division honors also while at Stanford, and took his AB in engineering.**

He plans to read law at Oxford with the eventual goal of becoming a patent lawyer, thus utilizing his knowledge of engineering. He lives at 19 Perry St., Menlo Park.

Prior to returning to Stanford, he served as a lieutenant in the navy. His fraternity is Zeta Psi.

Dews, also 25 and a veteran, received his AB at Stanford in history. Under the independent study plan with Dr. Carl F. Brand as chairman, Dews worked here from 1941 to 1943, and held the James Birdsall Weter scholarship. He was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and on campus was a member of El Tigre Eating Club.

During the war he served in the Army Air Corps in the meteorological division, and was stationed in the South Pacific. During Operations Crossroads he acted as weather officer on Kwajalein.

**Before entering Stanford, Mr. Dews studied at Southern Oregon College of Education and at the University of Oregon. His home is in Ashland, Ore., where his mother is a school teacher. His father is dead.**

Dr. Philip Buck, Stanford economics professor and local representative of the Rhodes committee, said today that Stanford is very proud of its two successful candidates. It was reported that 233 colleges and universities had sponsored candidates for the scholarships this year. Some of the qualifications were broadened over other years, Dr. Aydelotte explained, since the Rhodes trustees desired to compensate for the curtailment of the scholarships during the war years.

It was for this reason the age limit was increased from 25 to 31 years, and the restriction against married men was also lifted.

Two other Californians were listed, both of them students at universities outside the state: They are James Hester of Long Beach, Princeton graduate; and Frank R. Barnett, Berkeley, who studied at Wabash College, Ind.

# The Talbots' Troubles

The marital maladjustments of William Chaloner Talbot III and his wife, Hilda, of Hillsborough again came before superior court here Wednesday.

Mrs. Talbot filed an answer to a divorce action commenced by her wealthy aviator and sportsman husband, Sept. 6, and started a divorce suit of her own which asks $1500 monthly maintenance for herself and their two children, Judith, 6, and William C. Talbot IV, 4, plus $5000 attorney's fees, and a share in community property valued at $500,000, from which, the complaint declared, her husband receives $35,000 annual income.

The Talbots were married in Las Vegas in 1938, but in 1942 Mrs. Talbot filed a separate maintenance suit against the young heir to a lumbering fortune, which asked similar support as today's suit. The case was dismissed after a reconciliation.

Again in December, 1945, she filed for separate maintenance, and again all was forgotten, and a reconciliation was made.

But on Sept. 7, Talbot filed a divorce complaint charging his wife with "extreme cruelty." At that time Judge Edmund Scott granted Mrs. Talbot $850 maintenance and $1500 attorney's fees.

Mrs. Talbot's action filed Wednesday countercharges cruelty on the part of her husband, and answers Talbot's divorce suit.

# Double 33 Club

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil H. Martin was the scene of a gay pot-luck dinner and Christmas party last Friday evening, when 38 members of the Double 33 Fellowship of the First Baptist Church gathered with their young children.

Gifts were presented to the children by Santa Claus under the Christmas tree and gifts were also exchanged by adults. Mrs. Walter Dahlin was honored with a surprise birthday cake.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clarkson and daughter, Alice Beth, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Stephens, Mrs. Leon Machell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bogle and daughters, Jean and Barbara; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Tallent and son, Lyle; Mr. Gene Stephens, Miss Dorothy Berry, Mr. James King, Miss Lucille Conwell, Mrs. Thelma Horton and children, Jacqueline, Kathleen and Charles; Mrs. Helen McIntyre and daughter, Jeanette; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dahlin; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Martin, Miss Phyllis Wilson, Mr. Arcell Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wildman, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith, Rev. and Mrs. Walter B. Smith and Mrs. Natalie Beach.

# 3 Damage Suits

Damage suits totaling $117,000 were filed in superior court here for injuries resulting from two accidents on San Mateo County roads.

Two men who were riding a motorcycle and were injured in an accident at Bayshore Hwy. and Chestnut St. today sued Henry W. Wright of Great Falls, Mont., for $51,000 each. The driver of the motorcycle was Oliver M. Wilson, and his passenger was Andrew V. Kaywood.

Louis Colosimo of Daly City filed suit for $15,192 against Henry Sundermann Sr. for injuries sustained by 8-year-old Jerome Colosimo on Dec. 14, 1945. He said that his son was walking in the pedestrian lane at Mission and Market Sts, Daly City, when he was struck by a car driven by Sundermann.

# The Prowler

TUCSON, ARIZ.—TIME was when the out-of-staters who came to Arizona were those seeking health and health only. But that time has passed. To be sure, the health appeal still is strong. But no longer are the visitors from elsewhere merely the invalids and convalescents. The pleasure seekers are in the strong majority. Tucson makes lavish provision for the tourists' fun. The hotels are booked practically solid for the winter.

One Tucson booster, while lauding the healthful aspects of Arizona sunshine and altitude, cautioned against the false idea that any one climate could be a panacea. While the sun and dryness are beneficial for some types of ailments, the concomitant dustiness may not be good for others. He cited his own case. He came to Arizona in hopes of shedding a certain ailment. The sunshine and dry atmosphere made that cure successful. But the dust gave him hay fever. "The ailment that I got rid of was so much worse than hay fever," he said, "that I am the gainer for that swap." Consequently he is making Tucson his permanent home.

Transportation facilities to and from here are numerous. American Airlines offer 11 planes east, 12 planes west, and one to Mexico City daily. Southern Pacific Railway offers five trains east and five trains west, and one to Mexico City daily. All-American Bus Lines run four buses east and four west daily. Greyhound Bus Line operates 10 trips east and 10 west daily.

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THE CURRENT POPULATION of incorporated Tucson is estimated at 50,000. Tucson proper, embracing the sprawling "annexes" outside the city limits as well as the municipality itself, is credited with 100,000 inhabitants, declared to represent a doubling of the population of 10 years ago.

From atop "A" mountain you get a sky view of Tucson in its sprawling entirety. The settlement spreads after the fashion of a rambling Spanish home. There will be an interval of open space outside the city, and then another newly sprung settlement; a few blocks away a repetition of the same condition is found—and so on.

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YOU CAN'T BE HERE many hours before hearing references to "Old Tucson." That "settlement" in the Tucson mountain recreation area shows the town, Tucson, as it actually looked in 1859, with adobe houses, adobe wall, dust-thick roads that passed for streets, saloons, markets and gambling houses. It's a synthetic reproduction, to be sure, built for Columbia Pictures when the film play "Arizona" was produced. There are 144 alleged houses there in all—some of them being only parts of houses, just such parts as were essential for scenes in the movie.

Movie casts are brought here frequently for the filming of "westerns." Even plays allegedly located in Texas or other cattle regions are "shot" here—a point which, I understand, has provoked some jealousy and protests from those other states.

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INEVITABLY SOME VISITORS who drop in on a locality are not overly welcome. When newcomers of that sort decide to make the community their permanent abiding place, that lack of welcome is all the more pronounced. The Tucsonians felt that way about a number of Detroit gangsters who arrived here with obvious intent to remain. There was no concealing the identity of records of the newcomers. They were written up in the local press. And the fact that the eyes of the police are focused steadily upon them is indicated by the arrests of some of them for jaywalking in the late night hours—an offense that commonly is not penalized.

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ARIZONA'S PUBLIC officials make a great point of enforcement of traffic laws—which is all to their credit and for the best interests of all. Says an official leaflet of welcome to visitors and new settlers; "Arizona's wide open spaces, small population and towns few and far between, impose a serious problem upon officers and tourists in case of an accident and injury. Doctors, ambulances and wreckers many times must travel several miles to reach those in distress. It is far better to drive carefully and obey all traffic laws than gamble with time."

The Association of Justices of the Peace and Constables of the State of Arizona has adopted a uniform schedule for imposing traffic law penalties, all within state laws. In every case the law imposes a greater penalty than the minimum adopted, and the greater penalty can be imposed at the discretion of the court. The standard of penalties includes as the minimum 90 days in jail for using a vehicle without the owner's consent; 30 days for drunken driving; $100 fine or 30 days in jail for reckless driving, and $100 fine plus 15 days in jail for reckless driving when liquor is involved.

TUCSON, ARIZ.—ALTHOUGH Arizona's liberal laws about marriage and divorce make possible lively competition with Nevada, Tucson has not gone in for these "industries." What this locality specializes in and features are its sunshine and health and recreational appeal.

At Yuma it is different. That town is running Reno stiff competition. From the train window as you enter Yuma, the focal point of attention is a billboard pointing out where you can get wedding licenses "day and night." And there is a magistrate ready at all times to accommodate the romance-minded elopers.

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THE FIRST TIME I passed through Yuma was in 1909. At that time there were Indian squaws squatting on the ground at the railroad station with their offerings of beaded trinkets and other tourist souvenir stuff. Each time since when I have passed that way it has looked as if the same Indians were there, selling the same stuff, and showing the same indifference to whether you buy or not.

The Indian has no sales talk. No importuning to buy is ever heard. If a prospect asks the price of an article, the Indian says not a word but points mutely to the price tag.

Youngsters alighting from the train and fascinated by the sight point out the squaws and shout, "Oh, Mama, look at the Indians! Mama what makes that Indian lady look so funny? Why doesn't she comb her hair? Why does she wear such funny clothes?"

To all of those personal comments the Indians give no ear whatever.

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THE INDIANS OF ARIZONA, like Indians everywhere, keep mainly to themselves. It is the old tribal instinct, I suppose.

The younger ones may go in for modern styles. The older ones dress as their ancestors dressed. The women are conspicuous in their floor-length cotton dresses of bright colors and bizarre patterns, plain in style, if any, and having a decidedly home-made look.

The most accessible Indian villages from Tucson are those of the Papagoes, Pimas and Yaquis. A bit farther are the Yumas, Navajos and Apaches.

The Papagoes, who have lived close by San Xavier Mission ever since the first padres came to the Santa Cruz Valley, are reputedly very friendly and industrious. Their work is in agriculture. The Pimas, having a reservation at Sacaton, are also farmers, but they work as well at pottery and basket weaving. The Yaquis are famous for their Easter dances that always attract tourists here at that season. The Apache, formerly a nomadic tribesman that fought the white settlers as well as other Inidians, today is a cattle raiser and workman and lives peacefully on the reservation at San Carlos.

An Indian rarely if ever institutes a business enterprise. His preferred mode of life does not call for that sort of competitive initiative.

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AN INCONSPICUOUS SPOT of interest in Tucson is the old wishing shrine located in a bleak part of town populated mainly by Mexicans. In consists of a three-sided wall of adobe bricks with fireplace and supplemented by numerous candle holders.

Melted wax candles and wreaths of paper flowers, alongside fruit jars and pickle bottles holding wilted bouquets, testify to the visits of worshippers who come to light a candle or make some symbolic offering and say a prayer.

The origin of this shrine is not authenticated. One traditional story handed down from generations ago is that it is the burial place of a Mexican youth who was killed by a rival and was buried where he fell. Whoever makes a wish at that shrine while placing a candle, say some, will have his wish fulfilled.

Another story, and the one most generally credited, is that a robber habitually tossed his loot through the windows of the needy (an adaption of the Robin Hood story). Naturally that fabled robber was hated by the rich but loved by the poor. This shrine, say believers in this version, marks his burial place. The admirers of that legendary character go nightly to the spot to pray for his soul, ask forgiveness of their own sins and offer prayers of thankfulness for all the good things they have enjoyed.

Whatever its origin, this shrine gradually has become integrated with the religious belief of some of the Mexicans and Indians. As a result, many devout visitors light candles there for reasons unassociated with either the fabled Mexican youth or the benevolent robber.

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QUERYING DIFFERENT Arizonans about their rainy season, I received varied answers. What seemed to be the most reliable answer was that the rainfall comes mainly in the period from July to September. Others said that rain might come at almost any time, but rarely did so. A colored man interrogated on that point answered, "Arizona don't have no rainy season. It just rains whenever it feels like it."

# Two Minor Accidents

Two women suffered superficial injuries in a three-car pileup on El Camino Real at James Ave. yesterday at 6:49 p.m., Police Lt. S. D. Wood said Monday.

Injured were Marian Dalton, 17, 460 Jackson St., and Mrs. M. J. Sasfy, 398 Sequoia Ave. Both were taken to Palo Alto Hospital for treatment.

Wood said that a vehicle driven by Mary Baxter, 28, 2239 45th Ave., San Francisco had stopped at the James intersection and that another car driven by Roger F. Vaillencourt, 24, 190 Westgate, had piled into the rear of it. Vaillencourt's car, he continued, swerved to the left striking a third car driven by Stephen A. Sasfy, 27, who was traveling in the opposite direction. Marian Dalton had been riding with Vaillencourt.

Two persons suffered minor injuries Monday morning in a highway collision at Holly St. and El Camino Real, San Carlos.

The accident occurred at 7:45 when a southbound automobile driven by Anthony Grayson, 34, of Vallejo collided with a car driven by Forrest Clayton, 1057 Montgomery St., San Carlos, as Clayton was crossing the highway from east to west, San Carlos police reported.

Clayton and his passenger, Irad A. Burton, 77, 1023 Montgomery St., San Carlos, were hurt. Both were taken to Community Hospital in the county ambulance. Burton was hospitalized with lacerations and contusions, and Clayton was released after emergency treatment.

Both cars were badly damaged, but none of the five occupants of Grayson's car was injured, according to San Carlos police.

# Salesman Sentenced

James L. Buch, 21, 658A El Camino Real, an advertising salesman who pleaded guilty Thursday to a charge of indecent exposure, has been sentenced to 160 days in the San Mateo County jail by Police Judge W. H. (Bud) Thorpe.

Buch was arrested Dec. 3 by Redwood City police after an incident involving two minor girls on Myrtle St. between Brewster and Harrison Aves.

# Help Fight TB

With less than a week remaining before Christmas — official date for closing of the Christmas Seal campaign — the goal of the San Mateo County Tuberculosis and Health Assn. was far from being reached Wednesday.

Dr. H. C. Warren, seal sale chairman, reported that a total of $20,366.51 had been collected to date. The goal is $37,500.

**While collects actually were slightly ahead of this time last year, Dr. Warren pointed out that increased costs of maintaining the mobile X-ray laboratory and other health services of the association made it necessary for more money than ever to be received this year if the work of the organization is not to be curtailed.**

"We must have the full amount of our budget if we are to continue to make real headway in our fight against tuberculosis," Dr. Warren declared. "The X-ray equipment provides us with the best of all means of detecting tuberculosis. A chest X-ray discloses also heart trouble, curvature of the spine and other health defects that can be cured if found in time. We hope eventually to X-ray every citizen of our county. The more money we get, the faster this job can be completed."

The Atherton physician urged an early response to letters sent out containing Christmas seals by those who have not as yet sent in their contributions.

# Arrested in P.A.

Walter M. Newcomb, 34, Stanford physics demonstration assistant, has been arrested by Palo Alto police and charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Chief of Police Howard Zink reported it had been called to the attention of police that the small house occupied by Newcomb in the rear of 2027 Emerson St., Palo Alto, had been a "rendezvous of young boys."

Police said they have confessions from two 14-year-old boys indicating conduct on the part of Newcomb "such as to definitely contribute to their delinquency."

# Melone to Leave

Gerald Melone, one-time Peninsula playboy who is in San Quentin Prison for conviction of burglarizing the home of Dorothie Heller Kok of 841 Hayne Rd., Hillsborough, of $18,000 worth of jewelry and furs, will be free June 18, 1950.

Melone, serving eight years in San Quentin for the burglary, was granted 2½ years parole by the State Adult Authority at its December session. It was his third try at parole.

His two accomplices in the burglary, Sipiron Balenzuela and Ralph Dugger, serving like terms, were granted similar paroles.

Decision to parole the trio came as a surprise, as the Adult Authority at a previous meeting had postponed further consideration until next April.

Melone entered the prison Dec. 18, 1944, at the age of 27, following a sensational trial in superior court here.

# Name Officers

The Retail Clerks Union 775 (AFL) have announced the election of officers for 1947. They will be installed at the first meeting in January.

Frank Dillon of Burlingame, manager of the Safeway store in Burlingame, was nominated for the presidency.

Other nominees were: Guy Schultz, Redwood City, first vice president; John Selley Sr., Burlingame, second vice president; Carl E. Cohenour, San Mateo, secretary-treasurer; Miss Sylvia Walker, Burlingame, recording secretary.

# Two Persons Hurt

Two persons are in Community Hospital Wednesday with minor injuries sustained late Tuesday when their car ran off the Coast Hwy. near Princeton.

The driver, Richard Hall, 34, of San Francisco, suffered head injuries. His passenger, Clyde Cleauland, 43, of Colma, was bruised.

The accident occurred on a sharp curve on the highway. The car went about 30 feet over the shoulder but did not overturn, highway patrol officers reported.

# The Student Federalists

"World government is bound to be achieved, either by agreement or by domination," Colgate Prentice, national president of Student Federalists, Inc., told an audience that gathered in Room 104 of the Palo Alto High School Tuesday.

"It will be brought about either through the mutual agreement of the countries of the world or through domination by one or several of them.

"If world government is achieved through domination, then I believe that those things we believe in will be destroyed.

"What is the purpose of life, the goal of society?" Prentice asked. "Are we preserving unalienable rights? Is national sovereignty bringing us what we want?

"Was American sovereignty able to keep America out of war in 1917 and 1942? Wasn't there something higher that had more power to draw America in—the power of events of the world?"

World government is the only foreign policy possible now, Prentice emphasized.

**"World anarchy causes tensions to grow between nations. The United Nations Organization is heartening, but it has no power to interpret the law if it could enforce it. Disarmament is not the answer to war."**

The national president of the Federalists said his organization believes in a world government because such a government would "destroy nationalism while preserving national lines."

He called for the United States to summon a world conference to "give nations a chance to organize a strong world government before man is destroyed."

Robert Bennet, regional chairman of the Federalists, declared that the Student Federalists' main field is education, through which they would be laying the ground work for creation of a world government.

# Show Life War Art

"Fine Arts Under Fire," a photographic exhibition prepared by the editors of Life magazine to illustrate the work of Allied armies in preserving and salvaging historic monuments and art treasures in Western European combat areas, opens Friday, Dec. 20, at the Stanford Art Gallery.

It will be followed by another Life show, beginning Dec. 31 and continuing through Jan. 19, entitled "New War Art by Life Magazine Artists." The 72 paintings in this latter collection report the war experiences of six artist-correspondents in the Aleutians, Great Britain, and Normandy. In addition, they cover the wartime activities of the Port of New York. The artists are Julien Binford, Aaron Bohrod, Floyd Davis, Fletcher Martin, Ogden Pleissner, and Byron Thommas.

The exhibit opening Friday at the Stanford Gallery consists of 30 panels of enlarged photographs with a short running text, assembled by the magazine in collaboration with the American Commission for the Protection and Salvage of Artistic and Historic Monuments in War Areas.

These pictures depict how the Allies protected monuments within the limits of military necessity, salvaged war-damaged buildings and collections, and handled 100,000 looted and displaced works of art.

The Stanford Art Gallery is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The gallery will be closed Dec. 23-25 and Dec. 30-Jan. 1.

# To Control Blasting

An ordinance controlling blasting operations in the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County will be passed by the county board of supervisors.

This was the opinion of Chmn. Edward R. McDonald of Burlingame.

The ordinance, prepared by the district attorney's office, controls the use of explosives by obliging anyone using them to obtain a license from the county engineer. Cost of the license will be $2.

In addition, the licensee will be required to post a minimum of $1000 as a bond, with the provision that the county engineer may demand additional bond if he sees fit.

The ordinance will revoke all existing permits and provides a $500 fine or six months in jail for violators.

With the incorporation of Millbrae postponed by court action until after hearing on Jan. 3, the ordinance would stymie all blasting by the Macco-Morrison-Knudsen Construction Co. The firm has been blasting to take gravel from the hills behind Millbrae for construction of a fill for the San Francisco Municipal Airport in South San Francisco.

It was pointed out that ordinance will not apply to blasting where the quantity of explosives does not exceed 50 pounds of 40 per cent dynamite.

Even under those conditions, however, a spokesman said, the license will be required, although no fee will be levied.

# Postmaster O'Connell

Postmaster R. O'Connell Wednesday warned that persons living on rural routes who post their letters at their own postboxes should affix stamps to the envelopes, rather than leave coins.

O'Connell also said that local residents should make certain their house numbers are clearly visible so that temporary mail carriers handling deliveries during the Christmas rush will not have difficulty finding the house.

# Relief Corps Officers

At the regular business meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps held on Friday at the Odd Fellows Hall, Mrs. Frances Hogan, president, was hostess to the retiring officers of 1946.

The tables were decorated with greens and flowers and a gift from Mrs. Hogan was placed at each officers place. Mrs. Cora Tucker, formerly a Redwood City resident, who is now at the Woman's Relief Corps home in Santa Clara, was the honored guest on her birthday. Each member presented her with a remembrance.

Mrs. Gertrude M. Hising was initiated into the order.

The corps will hold a public card party on Dec. 30 at Odd Fellows Hall.

# They Rally to Help

A citizens' committee is in the process of organization, the Rev. Don Emerson Hall, reported Wednesday, as a community-wide move to help the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church meet its $12,577 assessment for the Santa Cruz Ave. improvement project continued to grow.

The move to help the church was begun by an anonymous woman who wrote an open letter to the Presbyterian Church calling on the community to aid the church. She included a $20 contribution "to start the ball rolling."

Answering the letter, Edwin S. Banta, president of the church's board of trustees, expressed surprise at the move but said the church would welcome any help it received.

"We have always felt that the improvement project was a contribution to the progress of Menlo Park," Banta declared, "but we feel that our assessment is a bit steep because it represents one-twelfth of the total cost of the improvement."

**"We are working on a youth program that will mean a great deal to the young folk in the community. Each youngster who shares our youth center with us is being trained in good citizenship and is receiving uplifting thoughts that will follow him throughout life.**

"The church is a part of the community, doing a job that no other institution does. Our income is better placed in youth programs that will help the young people of the coming generation than in assessment fees."

The Rev. Mr. Hall declared that the only way the church could pay the assessment is through its only way of raising funds — contributions. "A church is unlike a business," he said, "as the improvement will not increase in the jingle of the cash register for the church."

At the Nov. 12 meeting of the Menlo Park City Council, when the assessments for the improvement project were fixed, councilmen stated that, no matter how they felt about it, still they must treat the church property as any other property. They pointed out that if the assessment were decreased for the church, it would have to be increased for other members in the assessment district.

# Nelle Miramontes Feted

Mrs. Nelle Miramontes, who is retiring from the office of city assessor and tax collector at the age of 70 after many years of service, was the honored guest at the second large affair to honor her birthday, which was Wednesday, Dec. 11.

**The Redwood City Employes' Assn. gathered at Pete and Mary's restaurant on Thursday for a dinner in Mrs. Miramontes' honor and to present her with a desk for her home as a token of their friendship and esteem.**

The evening before, Wednesday, she was honored by the Business and Professional Women's Club, of which she is a charter member, and on Sunday afternoon both she and Mrs. E. S. Hunter shared birthday honors at the family birthday dinner at the home of the former on Duane St.

Mrs. Miramontes is well known throughout the city, having spent all of her life here. She plans to continue her hobby of gardening when she leaves her office the fist of the year.

City employes attending the dinner party were City Mgr. Edgar Blom, Laurie Duncan, Stephen Kreiss, Ralph Dodge, Mildred Marcopulos, Irene Boicelli, Winthrop Thorpe, Mary Donovan, Margaret Cussen, Vivian Holmquist, Mervyn McArthur, Alice Buell, Lydia Baldini, Norma Canvin, John Brophy, Ed Allen, Alfred Morton, Clement Collins, Sylvester Douglass, Cole Stafford, Stanley Wood, Henry Mengel, Clyde Genochio, Aaron Phimey, Emile Allain, Frank Allain, Gene Plecq, Tom Stafford, Lyle Winter, Charles Curron, Fonzi, Liguori, Joseph Lodi, William Lutje, Willis Leslie, Walter Genochio, Laurence Wood, Don Wilson, Martha Brand, Arthur Palm, Lois Page, Tom Vernall, Sterling Oakman, Wilhelmina Harper, Jane Mean, Hubert Johnson and Austin Hachsteller.

# Has 4th Birthday

Judy Ann Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Johnson of 622 Flynn Ave., Redwood Village, celebrated her 4th birthday on Friday afternoon at a party given for her by her mother.

Young guests were Marcia Barthes, Mary Beth Robertson, Joyce Bagley, Joan Young, Tommy Scoggins, Ken and Gibby Hills, Billy Wadell and Kimmy Kimsey. Refreshments were served and the table was decorated in pink and green.

# The YMCA Building

The YMCA building on Brewster Ave. at Clinton St., across the street from Sequoia High School, will be open daily during the Christmas holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's Day, J. A. Batchelor, local 'Y' secretary, announced Tuesday.

Hours will be 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m. (except Saturday night and Christmas Eve).

Activities at the building include basketball, horseshoes, checkers, chess, late magazines, ping pong, pool and "batting the breeze," Charles E. Ward, chairman of the local YMCA committee, stated.

Boys from the fifth grade through high school are urged to take advantage of the facilities offered at the 'Y,' Ward said.

The building is supervised by Batchelor and Stanford students.

# From Experience

Alden C. Fensel, the research expert who prepared the California Taxpayers' Assn. report on Sequoia Union High School, is going to add to the schools population problem, he disclosed Monday.

Fensel, research director for CTA, has accepted the position of manager of the tax department, California State Chamber of Commerce.

The new position will require that Mr. and Mrs. Fensel and their two children give up their Los Angeles home and move into their summer home on King's Mountain. One of the children will attend San Mateo Junior College. The other will attend Sequoia.

Fensel, who recommended that facilities at Sequoia be enlarged, now has a personal interest.

# McMonigle's Last Chance

The State Supreme Court Wednesday took under consideration automatic appeal of John Charles McMonigle, San Mateo laborer and truck driver convicted of first degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of Thora Chamberlain early this year.

The body of the 17-year-old school girl was never found. The state charged McMonigle, under a pretext of seeking directions, took her into his car, killed her and threw her body over a cliff overlooking the Pacific in the vicinity of Half Moon Bay.

McMonigle led searching officers to spots where the girl's personal effects, including books and pieces of clothing, were found.

After hearing preliminary arguments on the appeal from Santa Cruz County Superior Court late Tuesday, the supreme court received the case for a decision expected to be handed down within 90 days.

**The court agreed to appoint counsel for Clifford Bramble, convicted of four counts of arson in Sacramento and sentenced to life in Folsom Prison in December, 1939 when records were presented showing he previously had served three sentences on felony convictions.**

Bramble, personally petitioning a writ of habeas corpus, contended the trial court acted outside its jurisdiction in accepting his plea of guilt in connection with the arson cases and that he therefor was being illegally held in the state prison.

Records showed that from December, 1936 to February, 1937 Bramble burned four store buildings in Sacramento, and that he previously was convicted of felonies of either grand larceny or burglary in three states.

# SC-Belmont Meet

The city councils of Belmont and San Carlos sat down together in the Belmont City Hall Monday night in what Belmont's mayor, J. F. Furlong Jr., described as a "very amicable joint meeting."

But despite the friendly atmosphere a proposal under discussion for hiring of a city manager jointly by the two cities was disapproved by the Belmont councilmen.

**"The Belmont City Council doesn't feel that it is in the position to undertake the expense incident to the hiring of a shared city manager, and in fact doesn't feel that the need for a city manager exists in Belmont today," Furlong declared.**

The minimum salary expense of a city manager was set at $6000 by San Carlos Mayor Patrick J. Kearns, but both Kearns and Furlong agreed that the total cost would be closer to $10-$12,000 after expenses of the manager's help, office, transportation and other costs were figured.

Monday night's session was like meeting of "two old pals," Furlong said today. "The San Carlos officials are a darned good crowd of people, and an efficient group too," he added warmly.

Furlong explained Monday that the Belmont Council "recognized as a move to put pressure on San Carlos" the application of Herman Christiansen for annexation of his Garden Terrace subdivision to Belmont. He declared that Belmont wanted nothing that belonged to San Carlos and he believed the feeling was mutual.

Other matters affecting the neighbor cities were discussed Monday night. Preliminary planning of the joining of five or six San Carlos and Belmont streets, expected to come in the future, was brought up. Also discussed was the future joint operation of the San Carlos-Belmont sewage disposal plant when erected.

"Although nothing of great importance was transacted, good ideas always come out of these meetings. It is a healthy thing to get together with your good neighbors," Furlong said.

# Entertains Veterans

The Peninsula B'nai B'rith Women entertained Tuesday at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Palo Alto with their annual Christmas party. Guests included patients of Wards I and II. This event climaxes a series of bimonthly parties by the group at the hospital during the year, headed by Mrs. Alfred Levi of Millbrae. Mrs. Leonard Braden, Dist. 4 In-Camp and Hospital chairman, has assisted the large committee working on this, to line up out-of-town talent.

Joining with a committee composed of Hadassah, Council of Jewish Women, B'nai B'rith Lodge and Chapter and Temple Beth Jacob and its Sisterhood, several other programs will be given during the holiday season at the hospital. Rabbi Emanuel Kumin of the Jewish Welfare Board is assisting with arrangements.

The Peninsula B'nai B'rith Society also contributed recently to the fund of the Veterans' Hospital Christmas Committee of the Peninsula.

# Millbrae Seeks Land

Suit in eminent domain was filed in superior court here Saturday by the Millbrae Elementary School Dist. against the City and County of San Francisco for land proposed for use as a school site.

The property comprises five acres of land on Buck Rd., west of El Camino Real in Millbrae, and it was acquired by San Francisco when it took over the Spring Valley Water Co.

# RC Laborer Arrested

Donald E. McCullough, 47, who gave his occupation as "laborer and bum," has been arrested by Redwood City police on charges of automobile theft and drunken driving.

McCullough, who gave his address as 140 Northumberland Ave., is charged with taking a 1937 Oldsmobile sedan owned by Louis Lauricella, 762 Woodside Rd., at approximately 7:15 p.m.

The auto was driven from in back of Lauricella's home and not seen again until police caught McCullough driving over a curb next to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. building at 727 Middlefield Rd. at 9:45 p.m.

While preparing to book McCullough on a charge of drunken driving, police found the car was "hot." McCullough is now in the San Mateo County jail.